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Gold-Star children and grandchildren receive bikes, toys from Burlington's Middlesex County Deputy Sheriff's Association

Burlington's Middlesex County Deputy Sheriff's Association distributed 100 bicycles and 100 stuffed animals to children and grandchildren of local Gold-Star Parents. On hand for the donations are association members, from left, Linda Cunha, Mike Giacoppo, Phil Knowlan, Karen Lounsbury, Fred Moschetto, Richie Redican and Robert Karasinski.

(Photo by joebrownphotos.com)

Marijuana, vape and you

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Substance Abuse Coalition is hosting a dialogue called "Marijuana, Vape, and You" at St. Thomas Church in Wilmington on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. The event will feature a keynote speaker and a panel of professionals covering everything from legalization to the effects of media on marijuana and vape use.

Wilmington's Substance Abuse Coalition aims to raise awareness of and prevent substance abuse through education. It's made up of town representatives from schools, the Town Hall, the police and fire departments, veterans and elderly services, treatment facilities, the Board of Health, and residents.

The coalition was created in effect to create the position of Wilmington Substance Abuse Program Coordinator and hire Samantha Reif three years ago. It now serves the community by educating people about substance abuse and intertwining mental health issues.

As organizer and facilitator, Reif shared that the talk will start with keynote speaker Rick Cresta, LICSW. His portion will look at behavior and emotions that may be underlying substance use — why someone might use marijuana.

"He talks about the im-

portance of finding alternatives and different avenues like behavioral changes," Reif said.

Next will be a panel spanning the topics of marijuana and vaping legally, clinically, and health-wise. The panel will feature Cannabis Control Commission Chairman Steven Hoffman; Wilmington Police Deputy Chief Brian Pupa; Tracey Rose-Tynes, MS, BSN, RN; and Josh Towbin, LICSW of MGH's Addiction Recovery Management Services Program.

"Each panelist will have an amount of time to talk freely and give what they think is the most relevant information, like a Ted Talk," Reif continued.

They'll cover things like legalization and the status of marijuana and vaping; the effects of marijuana and vaping; and coping alternatives to marijuana and vape use. Finally, they'll open the floor to questions for anyone on the panel or the keynote speaker.

The event is sponsored by the CHNA 15 Determination of Needs fund through Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, and the Cummings Community Givings Donation which the Wilmington Substance Abuse Coalition received over the holidays.

While it's held at St. Thomas Church, the talk has no religious or spiritual affiliations. It's free and open for anyone ages 12 and up.

"Hopefully it's going to be a pretty broad topic so that someone at any age can walk away with something new," Reif said.

On behalf of the coalition, Reif encourages any parent with a child planning to attend to join them.

"We want to make sure

Planners propose zoning bylaw change for Town Meeting

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — As of Tuesday night, Wilmington's Planning Board will move forward with their plan to propose an article to Town Meeting that a large area around McDonald Road be rezoned from R-60 to R-20.

Information was sent out to residents before the official proposal was made in front of residents housed within the area by the board, along with a map of the area.

As explained by Planning Director Valerie Gingrich for residents in the audience, the rezoning would only affect the lots in the area that remain R-60, and not the lots that have been rezoned to R-10.

The reason this is being proposed is because, according to Gingrich, a number of these types of rezoning requests come to the Planning Board every year.

"R-60 doesn't match what's out there," she said. "Zoning is best done

in large chunks, on an area-wide basis."

The main differences between R-20 and R-60 is that R-60 zoning allows for lots to be subdivided into 60,000 square foot lots, whereas R-20 allows for lots to be subdivided to 20,000 square feet. There are also slightly smaller setback requirements from the edge of the lot.

To address resident concerns about how many lots could be subdivided per the rezoning, Gingrich didn't have a

number but estimated around 10 lots.

"There are one or two that could be subdivided easily; a few could be subdivided with some complication; and a few more involve tearing down a newer house in order to subdivide."

The other comments referred to concern about making editions to houses in this area and more, smaller lots causing drainage issues.

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DreamLight wins iNOVA Corporate Web Design award for client's website

WILMINGTON — DreamLight wins a Bronze iNOVA Award for their client's Agility Orthopedics Website that DreamLight designed, developed, manages and hosts. The custom WordPress website won a Bronze Web Design Award in the Health & Wellness category from the 2019 iNOVA AWARDS international competition for corporate websites by the IACAS - International Academy of Communications Arts and Sciences/MerComm, Inc.

"It is an honor to win an iNOVA Award for excellence in corporate web design for our client's website," said DreamLight's owner, Michael Scaramozzino. "Our aim is to create the best possible results for our clients in everything we do."

The iNOVA AWARDS

has honored the creative forces creating excellence in corporate websites since 2001. The iNOVA Award honors creative professionals who contribute to the process of building image, creating profit, and making a difference in the global marketplace.

"This prize endorses all the hard work put into a site's creation and development," said the competition's founder, Reni Witt. "Winning an iNOVA Award is a tribute to the creative team which does outstanding work."

Over 150 entries from 17 countries were judged by 15 international judges on concept, content, creativity, ease of navigation, design, functionality, interactivity, and overall success in achieving the company's/client's goals.



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by Christina Stewart

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Upcoming Events

Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Youth). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked *RR. Adult programs are recommended for those 16 years of age and older. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for program funding support!

Morning Tech Program: Travel Sites *RR

Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 10 a.m.
Planning an escape from the winter weather? Get an overview of the top trip booking and review sites to help you plan your next getaway.

How to Choose a Cruise *RR

Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.
Are you ready to set

sail? Join Brenda Pachucki, owner of Tours and More Travel, for a discussion of all things cruise. She will discuss river cruises versus ocean cruises, specific cruise lines and their amenities, and how to determine which cruise is right for you.

Wilmington Police History *RR

Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m.
Learn about Wilmington Police history with Wilmington Police Community Liaison Ronald "Butch" Alpers. He will talk about the history of the department and review some of the more interesting police cases. All are welcome.

Current Affairs Discussion Group *RR

Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.
This group is for all who would like to broaden

their knowledge of current national and international affairs. You will have the opportunity to discuss topical events and learn from others. Led by facilitator Dan Hall.

A Celebration of Nat King Cole *RR

Thursday, Jan. 16 at 2:30 p.m.
Enjoy this educational concert presented by author and multi-instrumentalist Brian King featuring stories from Nat King Cole's incredible life woven together with live renditions of his numerous hits. This concert and lecture will leave you smiling, singing and appreciating this American original.

Novel Ideas Book Group *RR

Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.
Featured Book: Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book.

"Book Talkin'" with Eileen MacDougall, 6:30pm-7pm

Come to Novel Ideas at 6:30 to hear Eileen speak about exciting new book titles.

Poetry Circle

Saturday, Jan. 18, 9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Love poetry? The poetry circle is a great opportunity to meet other poets and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Well Read Wednesday Book Group

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.
Featured Book: The Last Days of Night by Graham Moore
This book group will discuss contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Director Tina Stewart. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book.

Kids & Teen Events

Baby Laptime *RR

Monday, Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m.
Join us for a morning of songs, tickles, bounces, and rhymes perfect for little pre-walking babies and their caregivers. Infants-18 months

Exploration Station: Light and Shadows *RR
Monday Jan. 13 at 10 a.m.
Explore science through hands on activities. Ages 3-5

Read to Thor *RR

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Come read to Thor, a beautiful dog who loves to listen to kids read! Sign up for one 15 minute session per reader.

Star Mag

Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 3:45 p.m.
Calling all kid writers and artists! Drop in to help create this magazine written by, for and about kids, and published by the library. Grades 3-6.

Fun and Games Magic Show with Magician Debbie O'Carroll *RR

Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Learn about fitness

through the art of stage magic! This fun-filled program will get kids up and moving around, while teaching them the benefits of physical activity, dance, and healthy nutrition! Ages 4+

Drop-In Storytime

Friday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m.
Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and a fun craft! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

Language Buddies *RR

Friday, Jan. 17 at 3:45 p.m.
Language Buddies is a brand new 3-week program pairing WHS World Language Club members with kids in grades 1-3 interested in learning French, Italian, or Spanish! Focusing on one language per session, kids will try out words and phrases through books and activities. Grades 1-3

Library Closed

Saturday, January 11
Please note that the library will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 11 for demolition of the front stairwell. This is the beginning of the renovation project that will provide two small rooms, one on the first floor and one on the second floor.

20 in 2020 Reading Challenge at the library

By DANIELLE WARD
Marketing Librarian

The WML is challenging you to read 20 books in 2020! Register at the library during the month of January to receive a free tote bag with our 20 in 20 Reading Challenge logo. We'll have prizes each quarter to keep you motivated and a big prize for reading 20 books throughout the year. Read five books by the end of March to receive the first prize!

You will be able to track your reading and stay motivated with on an app

called Beanstack Tracker. After you finish reading a book, you can just scan the barcode into your reading log. As you watch your progress, Beanstack will feel like a fitness app for reading!

To get you started on your New Year's resolution to read more books, here are some suggestions:

- Read one of the most checked out books at WML in 2019. These titles include: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens; Educated by Tara Westover; Becoming by Michelle Obama; The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah; or Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. The top 10 are posted near our new book shelves in the library.

- Check out one of the 2019 WML Book Club choices: These titles include Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg; An American Marriage by Tayari Jones; Breathing Lessons by Anne Tyler; The Lying

Game by Ruth Ware; or The Kiss Quotient by Helen Hoang. A full list of the WML Book Club titles is available in our Adult Winter Events brochure. Pick one up at the library or view it digitally at wilmingtonlibrary.org.

- Find out when your favorite series author publishes a new book by registering for a new service called "Author Alerts." You will get notified by email or text message when any member library of the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium orders new titles by your favorite authors. Register for Author Alerts at wilmingtonlibrary.org.

- Pick up a free copy of "Book Page" a monthly guide to new books with reviews and suggestions.

- Try Novelist and get thousands of recommendations based on criteria such as age, genre, or author. Find Novelist and other resources for readers at wilmingtonlibrary.org.

- Still stumped? Ask a librarian! We're happy to help you find your next favorite book.

We hope to see you in January for the 20 in 2020 Challenge! Here's to reading more in the New Year!



▲ Marketing Librarian Danielle Ward with Read 20 in 2020 tote bag. (Courtesy photo)

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TAX REFORM'S IMPACT ON FINANCING STRATEGIES

— PART II —

Certain sectors are more likely to be negatively impacted by the change in the tax law. For instance, leveraged buyouts and mergers and acquisitions are often concentrated in the healthcare and technology industries.

Although multinational companies are beginning to consider moving debt to foreign subsidiaries now, the pressure may increase after 2021, at least until income earned outside the United States is addressed in a tax-efficient manner. There are questions about whether the Section 163(j) rules apply to foreign subsidiaries for purposes of the new "minimum tax," which could affect the U.S. tax benefit or the cost of shifting debt to foreign subsidiaries. Guidance from the Internal Revenue Service is expected on this issue in the relatively near term.

In addition to causing a shift in financing strategies, the new deduction cap may result in an increase in the default rate for borrowers. Lenders could find themselves as creditors in bankruptcy proceedings and, depending on factors such as the priority of their liens and value of their collateral, recover pennies on the dollar. In addition to the exposure to existing loan portfolios, the increased risk of default may impact the factors used by lenders in issuing new debt.

While it is too early to predict the full impact of the change to the business interest deduction, it is clear that the factors that impact borrowing decisions are changing. There may be fewer leveraged buyouts, increased use of leasing as a means of equipping businesses and more equity offerings.

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By **SHAUN NEVILLE**
WCTV Executive Director

Happy New Year Wilmington!

WCTV is kicking off 2020 with a bunch of live programs. These can all be viewed on WCTV (Comcast 9/Verizon 37) or at wctv.org/live:

- The postponed winter concert series continues in January with concerts this Thursday night (Jan. 9) and the following Thursday (Jan. 16). Both concerts will be at Wilmington High School at 7 p.m.

- We've got a basketball doubleheader on Friday night. The WHS boys team is up first at 5:15 p.m. The girls game airs right after. Look for it to start around 7 p.m.

- On Monday evening at 7 p.m., the Board of Selectmen hold their first meeting of the year.

- The following Wednesday,

the Board of Appeals will meet live at 7 p.m.

All WCTV content posts at wctv.org/vod. Our goal is to have meetings posted within 24 hours. The same goes for Wildcat sports, but often, a weekend event won't be posted until Monday.

There are a lot of other events populating to our channel and website this week including WHS wrestling, Book Stew and a much-hyped badminton tournament at the high school.

Here's a reminder that when there isn't a live event happening on WCTV, our TV prime-time schedule is set up by category starting at 7 p.m. each night.

- Monday: The latest Board of Selectmen meeting

- Tuesday: Community events, interviews and topics

- Wednesday: The lat-

est School Committee meeting

- Thursday: Throwback Thursday: Archive footage

- Friday: Wildcat TV: Featuring sports and other school events

- Saturday: Community events, interviews and topics

- Sunday: Wildcat TV
We hope that as you're channel surfing in the evening, you'll remember to stop in at WCTV to see what's happening across our community.

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Perhaps you don't have Comcast or Verizon, but rely on a smart-TV or over-the-top box for your television viewing?

Our WCTV Roku Channel is back up and running after several months of technical glitches. For those with a Roku device or Roku TV, just search for "WCTV" under "Chan-

nels." Look for our apple logo and install it to your home screen.

The Roku channel pulls in a livestream from our web feed. Because of that, you need to remember two things: the quality, especially on sports, will be lagging a bit. That's because our web feed was designed for phone screens, not your big screens. Second, it runs on about a 2-3 minute delay from real time. So while the quality of our meeting coverage looks pretty good on Roku, you'll be behind by a little bit.

Spoiler warning when texting friends about the latest Selectmen meeting!

WCTV has a lot of new things planned for 2020. We can't wait to work with our partners in Wilmington and continue to connect our community!

News and notes from WCTV

History:

It's big, it's round, but it's no UFO

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Hey, Pop, what's that big thing out behind your corn field, flying saucer?

"Pop" Neilson had a farm on Glen Road in Wilmington for about 30 years. When he died in 1937, he had never imagined what might be built there. 22 years later, the spaceship landed.

The Glen Road School, now the Town Hall, is certainly of an unorthodox style. It is usually described as round, but actually has 17 sides. It cannot be called unique, as the Boutwell School is of a very similar design. Other than Wilmington's pair, there are no others.

The shape of the building, though, is not its most

revolutionary element. It was designed and built in defiance of the architects who had a lock on school design in the late 1950s.

The Town of Wilmington was in a rapid building phase. On the east side of town, Route 93 cut a giant north-south swath that changed everything in town. Avco had just built a \$15 million complex on Herb Barrows' farm, where scientists would work on something called the Apollo project.

Wilmington Plaza was built in 1959. There were five new churches, two Catholic, one Methodist, one Baptist and a meeting hall for the Jehovah's Witnesses. Subdivisions were popping up like mushrooms after a late-summer rain.



▲ If you drive around the Wilmington Town Hall, there's always another side to the story, 17 of them, in fact. (file photo)

Could the town build schools fast enough to provide for a rapidly-growing population?

In 1958, there was a proposal to build a school off Glen Road. It was to have a central administrative building with four separate classroom buildings. The sections would be connected by glass corridors, along which there would be some 10,000 thyme plants. The cost was estimated at \$1.5 million. When the plans were presented before the School Committee, the *Town Crier* swiped the plans and published them.

Subsequently, a Town Meeting rejected the plans.

A different building committee was formed, the Permanent Building Committee. The key members were former Town Manager Joe Courtney, Paul Niles, Erwin Hanke and Vincent McLain. The committee produced a revolutionary idea, that the town would own the plans for the school.

Home builders could buy a set of plans and build hundreds of homes. Why not apply that to school construction? There was tremendous resistance from the architects of the Bay State. The usual m.o. for an architect was to create a school plan and then give it to several communi-

ties, each paying full price.

The committee found an architect who would work under their terms. The result was a 12-room school for 360 pupils, and the town owned the plans. Even as that school was being dedicated, 60 years ago this week, a second school nearly identical in design was under construction off Boutwell Street.

The Glen Road School opened in December 1959. A month later, Gov. Foster Furcolo came to town for a dedication ceremony. The school ran well for 19 years until February 1979 when someone broke in and set a fire in the janitor's room. It was on a

Sunday afternoon and there was nobody in the building. There was some damage in two classrooms and the corridor. Students were put on double-sessions at the Wildwood and Swain schools, and five weeks later, were transferred to space at St. Thomas Church. In the restoration effort, asbestos was found in the school and was removed.

The school reopened that fall, but two years later, it was shut down, due to a budget — cutting measure, Prop. 2-1/2. In 1983, it became the town hall. The building has served in that role for 60 percent of its 60 years.

Teens spur volunteer effort to feed those in need

LAWRENCE — On a Saturday night days before Christmas, Lazarus House volunteer Paula McKenna is standing in the kitchen of a North Andover home effortlessly managing a group of animated teens who are cracking eggs, shredding loaves of bread and full of questions about the recipe they are trying to follow.

Less than an hour later, the result is french toast that will provide breakfast for more than 100 guests in the Lazarus House Soup Kitchen. But McKenna knows the evening will also nourish the moral and ethical growth of the boys who have all voluntarily chosen to give up a weekend night.

"I wanted to bring good people together who want to help and put their energy to work," said McKenna, who is now reaping a harvest far greater than she might have imagined when she and her friend, Jenn Watson, started "Paula's Parties with a Purpose" two years ago.

The women had taken a small group to Lazarus House for a day of service as part of the teens' CCD confirmation class.

"We went to Lazarus House to just help move furniture and we realized we could do more," said Ryan McKenna, Paula's son.

"The kids came to us and said, 'How do we help?'" said McKenna, and while it was the women's idea to come up with a plan to cook for Lazarus House, both say the real credit goes to the teens who now meet about once a month and have now made nearly 3,000 meals.

"We went to Lazarus House and as we went back, we could see the impact we were having. It made us all want to continue and expand it," said Joey Watson, Jenn's son.

That small, initial group spread the word on social media and told friends who eagerly wanted to join.

The group has tripled in size and on this pre-Christmas night, it was standing room only.

"It is a testament to these boys," said Jenn Watson. "They are really doing it on their own. No one is forcing them."

One week they may make pasta, some weeks it's meat sauce, and others might be jambalaya.

"No one makes these kids come," added McKenna. "There is a lot of joy in this, it's been very infectious. It's been a beautiful thing because it gives them a sense of purpose. Some



Lazarus House: Parties with a Purpose — Merrimack Valley Cooking Team (Courtesy photos)



Lazarus House: Jack Bicksler and Ryan McKenna making French Toast for people in need, Paula McKenna Founder on right.

sense, they are affecting some kind of small change, which is really I think why they come."

Yet behind McKenna's modesty and "anyone could have done this" demeanor, she embodies the truism that one person can make an incredible difference. The idea that started small is now an ever-growing community of caring. Watson calls her "a force of nature."

"We have been doing them once a month," said McKenna. "The purpose is for the kids to do it. The adults help, just by the means of 'This is how you chop an onion; this is how you sauté something.' We have gone from making 50 servings an evening to anywhere between 150 and 200 servings."

"I have learned the power of community," said Ryan McKenna. "We have the ability to make change. We are nothing special, but just by making breakfast for 200 people, we are helping make an impact."

While Lazarus House has many volunteers essential to its needs and programs, "Paula's Parties" and the teens stand out.

"The power of this movement has far exceeded anything we initially envisioned and has made a real difference in the lives of our guests," said Marcy Furse, Lazarus House Coordinator of Volunteers.

Paula McKenna and Jenn Watson both believe you raise children by living your life as you would want them to live theirs, and that even this simple meal preparation is shaping the lives of the teens for years to come.

"It's being able to share the gifts we have, and teach those values by example," said Watson. "I think they get a lot out of it but I don't think they will truly appreciate what they get out of it for several

years. They know they are helping someone else, and as they get older, they will better appreciate the impact of that."

McKenna now hopes to inspire and to spread this model to other communities. She offers to mentor anyone who wants to start "parties" of their own.

"It has given me joy to have these kids feel like they can affect change in this very cold society that we are living in right now," said McKenna. "As a mom, I am bolstered that this is our future and these kids care. I think they are going to carry this through their lives."

Paul McKenna may be contacted at ppwapna@gmail.com.

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Special thanks from MSPCC Lowell Healthy Families

To the editor,
On behalf of MSPCC's Lowell Healthy Families and Eliot Community Human Services, I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the many individuals in Tewksbury, Wilmington, Bedford and beyond who came together to support the annual Parent and Baby holiday party.

This helped to bring some cheer to a very vulnerable population. Lowell Healthy Families supports young families with children ages 0-3 with pre- and post-natal education, nutritional guidance, safety guidelines and connection to community services to help parents and babies thrive.

Our organization serves Lowell, Tewksbury, Westford, Chelmsford, Dracut, Tyngsboro, Billerica and

Dunstable. Without the generosity of Lowell Assembly of God, Market Basket, Tewksbury Congregational Church, Hanaford, Tewksbury Physical Therapy, Tewksbury and Lowell Girl Scouts, the staff of Bedford High School and the many residents, friends and family who baked, cooked, donated, shopped and wrapped, this warm glow in lives of our clients would not have been possible.

May you all have a very healthy and happy New Year!

Warmest Regards,
Robin Akram
Regional Director of Prevention Services
MSPCC a Division of Eliot
Lowell Healthy Families

Correction officer arraigned in connection with allegedly stealing funds from accounts maintained by Middlesex Jail

BILLERICA — Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian have confirmed that Ronald Moloney, 50, of Peabody, a Correction Officer with the Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO), was arraigned in Middlesex Superior Court on the charges of larceny over \$1,200 and filing a false report by a public employee in connection with allegedly using his access to personal inmate accounts, known as canteen accounts, to falsely issue debit cards for his personal use.

The alleged fraud was initially discovered by the MSO's Internal Investigations Unit and subsequently referred to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office for investigation.

In June of 2019, the Middlesex Sheriff's Office received a request from an inmate, who had transferred from the Middlesex Jail and House of Correction to another correctional facility, for the transfer of his canteen money. Upon review of the account, the Middlesex Sheriff's Office discovered that the defendant had refunded the money through the issuance of a debit card in May and that the money had already been spent.

However, the inmate requesting the transfer could not have received a debit card or spent the money because he was incarcerated at the time of the transactions. The defendant then wrote a report claiming he mistakenly credited the money to a debit card for another inmate. The subsequent

investigation into this matter revealed that this report was false and that the other inmate had never received the funds.

The Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Middlesex Sheriff's Office investigators in collaboration with the Massachusetts State Police, conducted a subsequent investigation of all debit cards issued by the defendant in 2019. This investigation identified 93 debit cards issued by Moloney and eight debit cards processed by another staff person and handled by Moloney, which were then fraudulently used for purchases or cash withdrawals between March and June 2019.

Using these 101 cards, the defendant allegedly stole approximately \$6,229.62 through fraudulently issued debit cards. The investigation further revealed that the defendant targeted dormant accounts of released inmates to attempt to avoid detection.

At the arraignment Superior Court Justice Rosemary Connolly ordered the defendant to stay away from certain potential witnesses, including MSO employees. The defendant was released on his own recognizance and ordered to appear for a pretrial hearing on Jan. 17, 2020. The MSO has suspended Moloney without pay pending the resolution of this case.

These charges are allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The prosecutor assigned to these cases is Assistant District Attorney Mary F. P. O'Neill.

New year off and running with interesting happenings

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First, the Pats are finished for the year and many of us fans are sad about that but life will go on. As Dan Shaughnessy said in *The Boston Globe* Sunday, we have been in this place three times before. Second, I am going to provide you with the issues around "media literacy" and third, some of the latest Morning Pulse extractions as we open our new year.

Some interesting happenings

Some of the mental notes I have taken from the past week that I found interesting and I wanted to pass them on to you. For example, in a survey taken by some organization found on the state level, the most rude people as listed were in New York with Boston listed in the #5 position, which is really not great to see.

My experience in New York has shown me that people move so fast that there seems to be a lack of interaction, as I don't think they go at a pace slow enough to have a conversation with anybody. As for Boston, I

guess it all depends on the day or the hour.

I would say that at morning and the evening rush, there is some similarity to New York, but "rude" that's a stretch for me, as I feel people are friendly most of the day and even help folks who are on canes or senior in age. I even have trouble understanding how you can do an accurate survey anyway on this topic.

One of the other points of issue for the week was the fact that a commercial just released, to my knowledge, shows two youngsters in the kitchen with the mother, as she looks through her iPhone to report to her children that "no school" has been called with all three saying, "let's go" as all three head to the car. Maybe I am sensitive to this but what is that saying?

With safety being the key reason schools are cancelled, the idea is that students should not be out on the streets either walking or driving. This commercial seems to take such a "no school decision" as frivolous, not even taking the safety of required drivers, plows, etc. into consideration.

Another disappointment to me this past week on the media watch was the report that WCVB could be soon facing departure from the television scene,

which for me is not good as often it is the only station on regular television with good news programming, not to critique the other networks. The report seems to base this on a lack of funding and having a "network" linkage.

Finally, I found it interesting that Lowell has put out the call for plow drivers in snow storms as stated by the Lowell DPW head at the last storm when he was interviewed.

Media Literacy

While we have mentioned this topic before in this column, there is a real call being made to have instructional programs at all levels at how to know what you are seeing and reading is "real news" as they say. For many reasons the feelings by several people in our population is that so much of what we see and hear is false and meant to mislead.

While most know I was not born yesterday, for generations there have been stories leaked by business or government agencies for many purposes including advantage, warnings or to generate a false belief system on total false information.

The nature of this process, felt by many, is that it has escalated to much

higher levels and used repeatedly, leaving the population with confusion, as to what to believe or not believe which is a major league problem.

Educational programs are proposed to assist students and all members of the population on ways to separate facts to believe or ignore based on truth which is most complicated to do and clearly apparently a factor of much discussion especially at the student K-12 level and even in colleges and among our general population.

JUST A NOTE

My thanks for your comments and e-mails at andrews@massupt.org as well as some Morning Pulse extractions beginning with the following: Adirondack labor shortage hits hard at nursing, retirement homes; Charitable giving faces mixed outlook in 2020; US Army bans soldiers from using TikTok over security worries; Amazon buys 87 acres of land in southeastern Virginia; US consumer confidence ticked down in December; Wall Street tells investors to rein in expectations for the new year; Oil posts biggest yearly rise since 2016; Amazon has its best holiday season ever and Free college for everyone.



▲ LAURA YOUNG

(Courtesy photo)

Book Stew:

'A Dancer Dies Twice'

In December, Boston Ballet principal dancer Laura Young and Book Stew host Eileen MacDougall discussed her early years in the new company. In part two, Laura reminisces about her later years as dancer and teacher, her reluctant retirement, and her mixed feelings about her partner Rudolph Nureyev.

Laura, the author of *Boston Ballerina*, also shows viewers costumes she wore in the *Nutcracker Suite*, *Le Corsaire* (both made by her mother), and as the

Black Swan in *Swan Lake*. Please check out the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. Also available on demand:

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OBITUARIES

Joanne M. (Finn) Bradley

Office manager with Market Basket company

Joanne M. (Finn) Bradley, fondly known as Joan to her family and friends, age 87, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Jan. 3, 2020.

Joan was born in Cambridge on Feb. 14, 1932; she was the dear daughter of Thomas and Ethel Finn. She spent her first few years in Cambridge before her family moved to Tewksbury when she was a young girl. Joan was raised and educated in Tewksbury and was a graduate of Tewksbury High School with the Class of 1949.

On Oct. 12, 1950, Joan married her "sweetheart" Joseph Bradley at St. Williams Church in Tewksbury. Joan and Joe moved to Wilmington where they raised six wonderful children.

Joan was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother; she was always there to lend support and unconditional love to her family throughout the years. Joan, along with her family, spent many wonderful summers vacationing at York Beach in Maine where everyone always had a great time and countless memories were made.

Joan was a hard worker; for more than 30 years she

was employed as an office manager with the Market Basket Company. Joan worked at several store locations throughout the years; she had a great work ethic and an endearing personality with the customers as well as her co-workers. All attributes that made Joan successful in her career.

Joan also worked with the Wilmington Police Auxiliary and was a crossing guard for many years. Joan loved her fellow officers; she enjoyed the camaraderie and helping out within the community.

In her spare time, Joan enjoyed taking long walks, she was an avid bowler, she loved to travel, go on cruises and most of all spend time with her family and friends who will miss her dearly.

Joan was the beloved wife of the late Joseph R. Bradley, devoted mother of Linda Bryant & her husband Chester of Illinois, Kathleen Wells & her husband Edwin of Florida, JoAnne Caraviello of Medford, Joseph Bradley Jr. of North Carolina, John Bradley & his wife Diana of Chester, NH and James Bradley & his wife Nancy of Colorado.

Loving "Nana" of Jamie, Jason, Michael, Colleen,



Nadine, Jaclyn, Nicholas, Nicole, Kyle, Daniel, John Patrick, as well as 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Cherished daughter of the late Thomas and Ethel (Blevins) Finn, step-daughter of the late Edna Finn and the late Joseph Bryan, dear sister of Judith Stevens & her husband David of Middleboro and the late Thomas Finn Jr.

Joan is also survived by her nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends will gather for a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Saturday, Jan. 11 at noon. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Nancy M. (Ritchie) Sullivan

Loved fishing, boating and golfing in Maine

Nancy M. (Ritchie) Sullivan, age 70, a life-long resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Jan. 3, 2020.

Nancy was born in Chelsea on Oct. 23, 1949; she was the dear daughter of John and Olive Ritchie. Nancy was raised and educated in Wilmington and a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1967.

Nancy married the "love of her life and her best friend" Kevin Sullivan on March 29, 1969; the couple had four wonderful daughters and shared many great times together before Kevin's untimely passing in February of 2005.

Nancy and Kevin were like "two peas in a pod;" they lived together, worked together, travelled together and had a lot of fun together. Nancy and Kevin had a place in Maine where she loved to go and just relax, go fishing, boating, golfing or entertain family and friends often; everyone always had a great time.

Nancy loved her role as mom, grandma and great-grandma; her family was her world. Nancy attended countless school plays, concerts, sporting events, dance recitals or anything else her children and grandchildren were involved in throughout the years.

She was also very talented with her knitting and crocheting; she made lots of afghans for her family and friends; gifts that will forever be cherished.

Nancy was a hard worker; for many years she was the office manager for ACME Waste Company in Woburn and later she was the bookkeeper for her husband's business K & S Electric Company.

Nancy will be fondly remembered as a kind and loving lady; she had a quiet nature and never wanted to be the center of attention but that didn't stop her from helping anyone with anything. Nancy had a big heart and will forever be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Nancy was the beloved wife of the late Kevin Sullivan, devoted mother of Karen Burke & her husband Michael, Nancy Sullivan and Kelly Stanton & her husband Rob all of Wilmington and Diane Sullivan of Medford.

Loving "Grammy" of Kevin, Scott, Shayna, Jocelyn, Andrew, Addison, Mackenzie, Morgan, Daniel, Miyka'el, Katorah, Eliyashah, Gabri'el, Osiris and great-grandchildren Brady, Prince and Julian.

Cherished daughter of the late John and Olive (Walsh) Ritchie, dear sister of William Ritchie & his wife Donna of Tewksbury, James Ritchie & his wife Jeanette of Salisbury



and Annie Coates & her husband Tom of Wilmington.

Nancy is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and dear friends. She also had a special bond with her beloved dog Toby.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours were held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 4 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Nancy's memory may be made to Local Heroes, Inc., P. O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Tewksbury Library to launch over 50 Job Seekers Networking Group

TEWKSBURY — Are you 50 or over and looking for a new job or change in career? Did you know that 85 percent of all jobs are found through networking?

Attend the new 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group at the Tewksbury Public Library. Funded by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, managed by Massachusetts Councils on Aging, and supported by AARP, the 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group is designed to support and assist people in the 50+ demographic who are looking for job search guidance, support materials and strategies for a new career direction or an encore career.

This new group meets the second and fourth

Wednesday of the month, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Upcoming meeting dates include Jan. 8; Jan. 22; Feb. 12; Feb. 26; March 11; and March 25. Each biweekly meeting is facilitated by experienced career coach Debbi Hope and focuses on a different aspect of the job search.

These free meetings include a presentation and hands-on workshop on relevant topics, guest speakers, access to hiring managers, ample opportunity to network, and 1-1 coaching guidance. Participating on a regular basis will give job seekers the many tools and strategies needed for a successful job search.

First-time attendees are encouraged to register in advance online at <https://mcoonline.com/employment/50-plus-job-seeker-networking-groups/registration-form-new-attendees/>. Drop-ins, however, are welcome. Any job seeker 50 and over, regardless of where they live in the state, is encouraged to attend.

The Tewksbury Public Library is located at 300 Chandler St., on the corner of Main Street (Route 38). The group meets in the first-floor Meeting Room, which is accessible to all.

To learn more about this networking group or if you have a question, please contact librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or rhayes@tewksburypl.org.

Rep. Gordon office hours

BOSTON — Representative Ken Gordon (D-Bedford) will host the latest of his public office hours on Saturday, Jan. 11 from 12 to 1 p.m. at As

Good As It Gets Cafe, 35 Lowell St., Wilmington.

Rep. Gordon will be available to answer questions and listen to concerns and ideas from constituents of the district.

He can also be reached at his State House office number, (617) 722-2575, and at Kenneth.Gordon@mahouse.gov.

Rep. Nguyen's office hours

TEWKSBURY — Representative Tram Nguyen invites the public to visit with her at her Tewksbury office hours at the

Tewksbury Public Library Trustee's Room Jan. 10; 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Come by to say hello and learn more about Tram's

work at the State House and in the district. Everyone is welcome; 18th Essex residents are encouraged to visit her.

Sheriff warns of Social Security scam

BILLERICA — The Middlesex Sheriff's Office is warning residents to be alert for a recently reported government imposter scam.

On Monday, the MSO received a call from an area resident alleging he had been contacted by a man purporting to be with the IRS. The perpetrator told the resident his Social Security number (SSN) had been canceled because it had been compromised and used in Texas by criminals. The perpetrator further told the resident his bank accounts had also been frozen as a result and that a member of the

Middlesex Sheriff's Office would be following up with additional details.

A short time later, the resident said he received a call from an individual posing as a member of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office and was told that two deputies would collect his old Social Security card and issue him a new card and number. In an effort to further convince the resident the call was legitimate, the perpetrator used spoofing technology to make it appear as though the call was coming from a legitimate sheriff's office telephone number.

"It's critically important

for residents to be aware that their Social Security numbers cannot be canceled or suspended," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "Fortunately, in this case, the resident felt something was amiss and followed up with our office to confirm this was a scam."

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of this, or any, imposter scam is encouraged to contact their local police department. Individuals may also report the matter to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/Information/crnt&panel1-1>.

Richard P. Yurek

Served in the United States Navy

Richard P. Yurek, a longtime Wilmington resident passed away peacefully at his home, Dec. 30, 2019. He was 79.

Richard was the beloved husband of Ann L. (Galloway) Yurek and together they shared 57 years of marriage.

Born in Boston, Richard was the son of the late Louis and Anna (Brunick) Yurek.

Richard was raised in Roxbury and Dorchester where he attended school. He proudly served in the United States Navy on board the USS Boston CAG-1 guided missile cruiser.

When he returned home from the service he began his career as a talented machinist and worked for the H.K. Porter Industries in Somerville for more than 20 years.

When not working, Richard enjoyed model ship building, stamp collecting and in more recent years he enjoyed PC gaming. He also volunteered with the

Boy Scouts of America and was a volunteer with the Civil Air Patrol for a period of time.

In addition to his beloved wife, Ann, Richard is survived by his children: Joseph Yurek of Wilmington, Michael Yurek and his wife Melissa of Deerfield, NH, Edward Yurek and his wife Susan of Bath, ME, and Steven Yurek and his loving companion Lisa of Beverly.

He was the loving grandfather of Brian, Rebecca, Sara-Ann, Emily, Eden, and Joy Yurek, Patrick and Karen Yurek.

Loving great-grandfather of Aria and Micah Snow, Madeline and Victor Yurek.

Cherished brother of Patricia Shea and Mary Yurek, both of Abington, and the late Louis Yurek.

A funeral service was conducted, Monday, Jan. 6, at 12 p.m. in the Dello Russo Family Funeral Home, 374 Main St., WILMINGTON. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend and visit



with the family prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Services concluded with military honors and burial at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Memorial contributions may be made in Richard's memory to Local Heroes Inc. P.O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887 or The Wilmington, MA Patrolmen's Assoc. 1 Adelaide St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

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Knights of Columbus cribbage still on through March

The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

Fusion Theatre begins this week in Lowell

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SEE ART AND HISTORY AT THE WHISTLER HOUSE IN LOWELL



Above, a statue of James McNeil Whistler stands in a park outside of the Whistler House Museum of Art, below. Displays of artwork by local artists and LAA members are located in the Parker Gallery, right, which is located just behind the main house and museum.

(Heather Burns photos)

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

The City of Lowell is filled with many unexpected hidden gems. One such gem is the surprising combination of art and history that can be found at the Whistler House Museum of Art, located at 243 Worthen St. in Lowell.

This charming and histor-

ical 1823 home is the birthplace of painter and etcher James McNeil Whistler.

Born in 1834, this American artist moved to Europe where he built a reputation for being a leading proponent of the theory "Art for Art's sake," and became one of the most important artists of his time.

His most famous painting is the iconic "Whistler's Mother," which now hangs in the Musée du Luxembourg in France.

The Whistler family only lived in the Worthen Street home for a short time before moving overseas. The home was then occupied by several different owners before it was purchased by the Lowell Art Association in 1908.

The Lowell Art Association (LAA) is the oldest incorporated art association in the country, and they have used their resources to renovate this historic home into a museum and art gallery.

In 2015, the Whistler House became the recipient of the "Excellence in Cultural Heritage Award" from the Lowell National Historical Park and the Lowell Heritage Partnership for the historic preservation of the Whistler house that was strategically paired with modernization. This award was granted after a massive renovation was done to the Whistler House kitchen, which was originally added to the home in the 1850's.

The renovated kitchen now boasts period soapstone sink and cast iron stove, reclaimed chestnut flooring, and antique cupboards and icebox, bringing it back to its original charm. However, everything has also been updated to function in modern day life.

Located right outside of the Whistler House kitchen is a small park with a statue of James McNeil Whistler on display. It is a peaceful haven among the busy hustle of the surrounding city, a perfect place



for sight seekers to enjoy a short stroll or to sit and chat.

The first and second floor bedrooms of the Whistler House have been utilized to house the permanent art collections that are on display, one of which is an entire room dedicated to the etchings of James McNeil Whistler.

Also on permanent display at the Whistler House is the work of Armenian immigrant Arshile Gorky. Gorky is often referred to as the Father of American Abstract Expressionism. His work can be found on display at the Tate Modern in England, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art, and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum of Art.

The Whistler Museum is fortunate to have Gorky's work "Park Street Church in Boston" on display as part of its permanent collection. Painted in 1924, this is one of the earliest known paintings done by Gorky while he was a student at the New England School of Design in Boston.

Besides the permanent collections, the Whistler Museum also features many changing art collections by local artist and

LAA members that are on display in the Parker Gallery, which is located just behind the main house.

On display now until Jan. 25, the LAA is hosting a juried members exhibition for the fall/winter season.

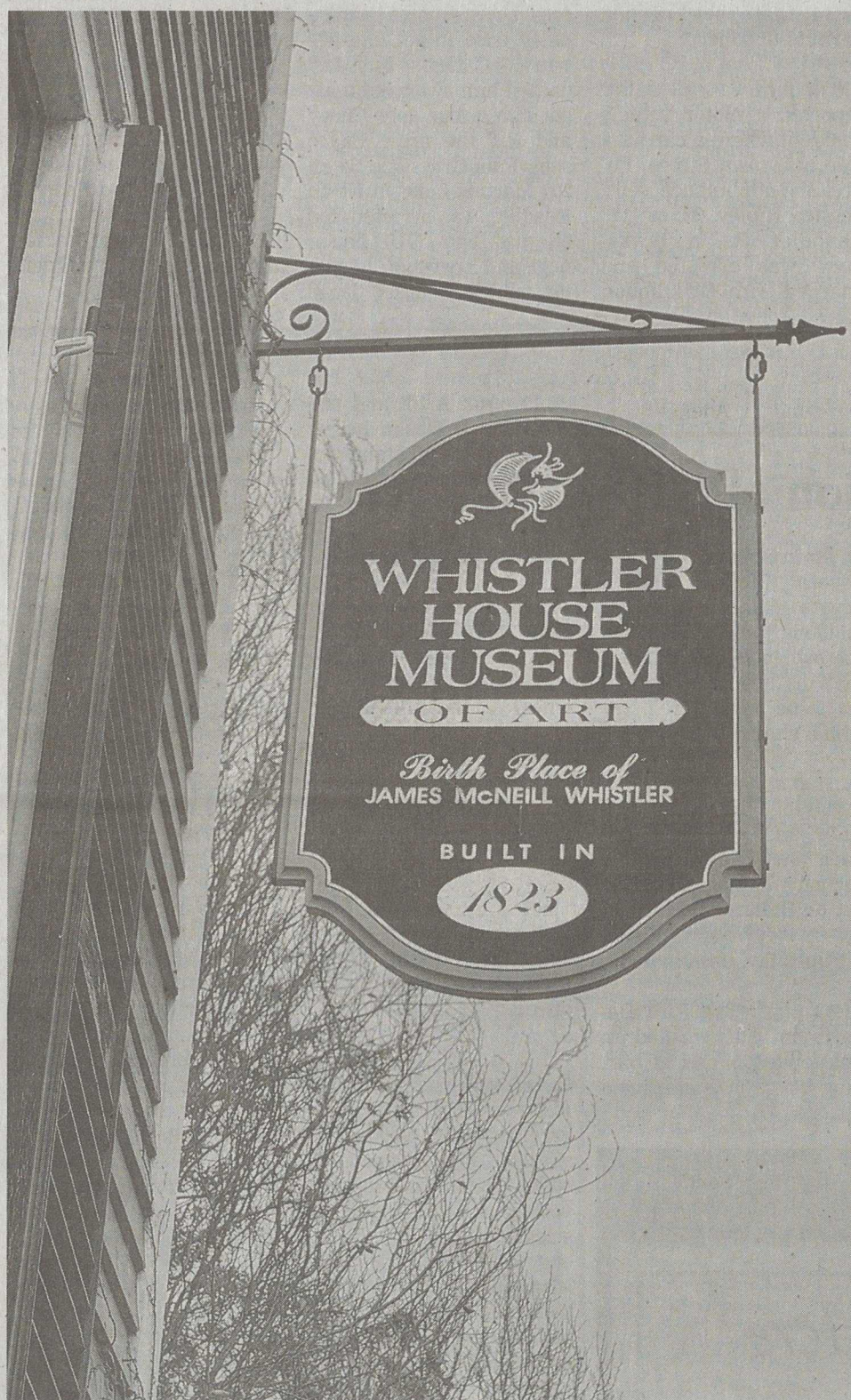
90 works of art that were hand picked from over 250 submissions are on display representing both modern and traditional methods and aesthetics, including paintings, drawings, sculptures, fiber art, printmaking, and photography.

The LAA encourages art in the community and often offers adult and youth education classes.

The youth program also includes an extensive summer program; a community outreach program for low income students and families, and free scholarships to talented artists from low and middle income families in Lowell.

The Whistler House Museum of Art is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., or you can call for an appointment at 978-452-7641.

To find out more information about art education classes for both youth and adults, visit www.whistlerhouse.org.



Exploring Tippling Rock and the Nobscot Reservation

By **PAIGE IMPINK**
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The mild winter weather presents opportunities to get out and explore without the annoyance of insects or extreme discomfort, and the absence of foliage affords views that reveal features that might otherwise be missed in woodland areas. (Always check for ticks, though.)

The cool weather is also perfect for hiking and exploring without overheating. During the recent holiday break, we explored Tippling Rock, part of the

Sudbury Valley Trustees and the Nobscot Reservation, on the Sudbury/Framingham line, and everyone agreed it was a worthwhile and achievable hike.

The wooded area leading up to Tippling Rock is a wide, pine needle-laden path which is clearly marked and rises gradually. Dog walkers were in abundance, as well as families and trail runners. While the trail starts out along a residential area, it quickly achieves a more secluded feel, and with the absence of leaf cover, provides impressive views of areas west of Boston.

As we arrived at Tippling Rock, we were able to see all the way to Boston, south to Blue Hill ski area in Canton, and some additional areas west of Boston, including Framingham's Route 9 shopping area. A portion of the Bay Circuit Trail passes through the Nobscot Reservation, a greenway trail that stretches from Newburyport to Kingston. Portions of the BCT are clearly marked.

There are many theories about Tippling Rock, its origin and use. One thought is that the rock was used for communication across the distance by native peo-

ples. There are also markings on the stone indicating some feather and wedge used to split it apart, a purported attempt by a local farmer to keep it from tumbling onto his grazing cows.

A reference to the area by Henry David Thoreau is noted in Natural History of Massachusetts: "A stir is on the Wooster hills, And Nobscot too the valley fills, Where scarce you'd dip an acorn cup In summer when the sun is up, No more you'll find a cup at all, But in its place a waterfall," according to a website created by Jan C. Hardenbergh.

Ford's Folly is another feature of the property which we did not get to, but has a colorful story. Henry Ford purchased the Wayside Inn in Sudbury in 1923 to preserve it as a living history museum. He had a retention pond built to have a water source nearby in case of fire. The dam never held water effectively and as such earned its name.

From Tippling Rock, we followed the trail map to the fire tower at Nobscot Hill. Print a map at home, or put the map on your phone in order to navigate the network of trails without having



to depend on a cell signal. The trail led through the Nobscot Scout Reservation, an impressive and well-maintained Boy Scout camp.

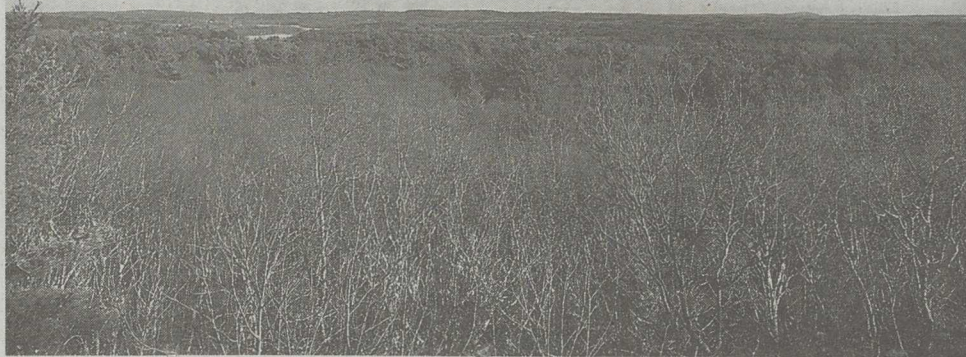
There is a 1700s small pox burial site near the camp, though we did not seek it on this trip. Once reaching the top of the hill, we discovered a large microwave tower and a fire tower (and a handy porta potty). The views were even more

expansive from this location, elevation 602 feet.

The forest is full of pine, oak, and hemlock. One note; the trail was clear but there were some patches of ice. A new set of nano spikes made all the difference and if you are a frequent winter hiker, this investment is highly recommended to prevent slips and falls.

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A clear, panoramic view of metrowest Boston from Tippling Rock, right, part of the Sudbury Valley Trustees Nobscot Reservation. (Paige Impink photos)





Tewksbury Police Log

Police arrest several people for OUI liquor

Monday, December 30

1:06 a.m. - A few parties were told to leave the premises and they were now refusing at Marriot Residence Inn. Police sent and filed a report.

5:22 p.m. - Caller notified police of a low hanging wire at Vale Street. Police sent. The wire was a cable wire going from house to house and was not a road hazard. Comcast was notified.

7:52 p.m. - A 911 call came in for an erratic driver at Whipple Road and Pleasant Street. Police sent. The vehicle was parked and was unoccupied.

11:21 p.m. - A loudspeaker at Atamian Honda had been playing a recording message for trespassing on the property on and off all night. The caller spoke with the security guard who stated he did not have the capabilities to turn it off. Police sent. General manager contacted who said that they recently installed a new surveillance system which he believed was picked up the motion of the security guard. The police spoke with the security guard and it was dis-

abled.

Tuesday, December 31

9:33 a.m. - Essex Regions reported a 911 call from Dickson Avenue. The number was in house. Upon the call back, the call goes to voicemail. Police sent. They confirmed accidental.

10:27 a.m. - The store manager of Market Basket North reported they had a woman in their store who was shopping and since left. The woman had a No Trespassing order out on her. The manager stated that they have video and had a license plate that she left in. Police sent to speak with the manager. Officer filed a report.

4:13 p.m. - Manager requested assistance with a shoplifter at Market Basket North. Police sent. Rosemarie Stowell, 83, of 13 Lawrence Circle in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing.

4:45 p.m. - Clerk from Motel 6 reported three unwanted parties and two have no identification. Police sent. John Pere, 41, of

87 Groton St. in Pepperell, was arrested and charged with two warrants of license suspended.

Wednesday, January 1

3:32 a.m. - Police out at Extended Stay America with a motor vehicle. Lillian Betancur, 52, of 86 Pine St. in Peabody, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, and possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

6:03 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Holly Falsini, 38, of 5 Carolyn St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with two warrants for shoplifting, a warrant for assault and battery dangerous weapon, and possession class B drugs.

6:18 a.m. - Police sent at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Michael Munroe, 37, of 15 Riverside Road in Billerica, was arrested and charged with a warrant for larceny under \$1,200.

5:58 p.m. - A 911 caller reported two dead deer between Trull and Long Meadow. Police sent. Officer stated both deer were off to the side of the road

and they notified Ultra-safe. They picked up the deer.

Thursday, January 2

2:13 a.m. - Police out with motor vehicle behind the Mobil Tewksbury. They reported the party checked out and was on his way.

11:17 a.m. - Police responded to Tewksbury Country Club for a report of illegal dumping. Officer filed a report.

3:32 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity at Luna Rosa. Police sent. Officer spoke with the party.

5:32 p.m. - A suspicious motor vehicle was at Andrea Drive. Police sent. Officer spoke with the parties; they were Comcast salesmen who were taking a break on the street. The police advised them that they needed permits to solicit.

10:03 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a motor vehicle accident where a car hit a tree at Brown Street. Police and ambulance sent. Jessica Ripley, 22, of 1123 Chandler St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor,

negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Friday, January 3

9:10 a.m. - Officer called in suspicious activity at South Street and Columbia Road. Aaron Gribbin, 26, of 73 Pomfret Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant, a warrant for possession of heroin, and possession of class B drugs (suboxone pill).

10:11 a.m. - Caller stated suspicious activity at Wendy's. Police sent. Officer checked the area but gone on arrival.

3:46 p.m. - Caroline Thomas, 38, of 30 Fieldcrest Drive in Bridgewater, was arrested and charged with a warrant for check forgery.

3:48 p.m. - Jessica Ripley, 22, of 1123 Chandler St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for OUI liquor.

Saturday, January 4

1:37 a.m. - Caller at Woodcrest Drive reported a male party tried to get into her house. Caller's husband chased him away and male got into a four door Chevy and left the area. Police sent. Paul Greystone, 54, of 200 Martins Land in North Reading, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes

violation, and possession class C drugs.

6 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Michael Chavez, 50, of 8 Smith St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for abuse prevention order violation.

10:29 p.m. - Female caller reported she heard noises inside her kitchen at Patrick Road. Police sent. Officer did a walk through the house and all checked out.

11:36 p.m. - Caller reported motor vehicle kept crossing over the line and drove erratically at Whole Road. Police sent. The vehicle was gone on arrival.

Sunday, January 5

1:03 a.m. - Police out at North Street and Juniper Lane with a motor vehicle for marked lanes violation. Joseph Quilty, 29, of 3 Starbird Ave. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and possess open container of alcohol in the motor vehicle.

6:14 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Shawn Skinner, 23, of 28 Glenwood Road in Billerica, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operation motor vehicle without a license.



Wilmington Police Log

People arrest three residents for suspicion of OUI

Monday, December 30:

12:11 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Cunningham Street involving a Ford Taurus and an Infiniti QX50.

5:04 p.m.: A Jeep Grand Cherokee hit a tree by the corner of Oakridge Circle and Gowing Road. The driver walked home after a medical evaluation. His vehicle was towed.

8:02 p.m.: The tractor from a tractor trailer had to be towed after it got stuck in the road on Industrial Way.

Tuesday, December 31:

1:09 a.m.: A police cruiser ran over a large rock on Glen Road. The Department of Public Works checked the vehicle for damage.

4:57 a.m.: A delivery truck struck a Buick Roadmaster at the Dunkin Donuts on Middlesex Avenue. The Buick had minor damage to its bumper while the truck was undamaged.

9:53 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Ballardvale Street involving a Ford Fiesta and a Toyota Tacoma. No one was injured and the vehicles' airbags did not deploy.

9:57 a.m.: Animal Control removed a bird from the Water Department building on Andover Street.

12:23 p.m.: A Burlington Avenue resident reported the possibility of a squirrel in their home. Animal Control, unable to locate one, set a trap in the basement.

12:49 p.m.: A Honda Accord deployed its airbags and had to be towed after a collision with a Ford Super Duty on North Street.

Wednesday, January 1:

3:24 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred

on Main Street involving a Toyota Tacoma and a Toyota 4Runner. After the incident, police informed the owner of the 4Runner that his license plate had an issue in the registry which should be resolved.

4:41 p.m.: A hit and run involving a Volkswagen XC90 and a Subaru Tribeca was caught on the security cameras at Target on Ballardvale Street.

Thursday, January 2:

1:43 p.m.: The Fire Department extinguished an unattended barrel of burning wood on Ballardvale Street.

2:12 p.m.: A hit and run involving a Nissan Rogue and a Ford Mustang occurred in the parking lot of CVS on Main Street.

Friday, January 3:

12:46 a.m.: Charlie Parent, 28, of 100 Marion St. was arrested after she was found asleep at the wheel at the intersection of High Street and Middlesex Avenue. She was charged with operating under the influence of drugs and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

9:07 a.m.: Animal Control retrieved a deceased skunk from Woburn Street to be disposed of in Andover.

11:35 a.m.: Alex Kashar, 28, of 1355 Old Sandwich Road in Plymouth was arrested for operating a vehicle after suspension of his license and driving without a valid inspection sticker.

7:49 p.m.: After a collision on Church St., 63-year-old Faye Marie Jenkins of 18 Arlene Ave. was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. She was later bailed.

Saturday, January 4:

10:35 a.m.: After a report of a man dumping cardboard in the Boutwell School dumpster, police found the resident, advised him of proper cardboard disposal, and returned with him to remove the cardboard.

1:45 p.m.: A Ford Mustang rolled over on Salem Street, damaging a mailbox and a tree. The vehicle was towed but the driver did not require medical attention.

6:32 p.m.: Hillery Oliveira, 43, of 7 Englewood Dr. was arrested after her Ford Focus hit a Jeep Wrangler at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Federal Street. She was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol and unsafe operation of a motor vehicle. Oliveira was later bailed.

Sunday, January 5:

9:52 a.m.: A GMC Yukon was struck overnight while parked on Pleasant Road. The vehicle that struck it, likely a white vehicle, was not found when police checked the area for damaged cars.

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Painting classes at Wilmington Center for the Arts

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Arts Council is sponsoring Monday evening classes in painting starting in March. The classes will

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Austin Prep choir finds inspiration in journey to Rome

READING — The Austin Prep Choir recently returned from a week-long trip to Rome, where students had the opportunity to sing at Saint Peter's Basilica and for Pope Francis during the New Year's Eve celebration on Saint Peter's Square. The Austin Prep contingent consisted of a group of 60 students, faculty, and families who journeyed to the Eternal City for The 6th Youth and Adult Choir Festival.

During their trip, which took place Dec. 27 to Jan. 3, Austin Prep students attended the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated by Pope Francis and the Sunday Angelus. The Choir provided music for the Solemnity of the Holy Family at the Altar of the Chair of Peter and for the Jan. 2 Mass at the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi.

The Choir also performed a concert at the Basilica of Saint Ignatius of Loyola for the people of Rome on New Year's Day.

The highlight of the trip took place on New Year's Eve. After his annual Dec. 31 liturgy, Pope Francis exited Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and walked into the piazza, where he was greeted by dignitaries and others in attendance. The Austin Prep Choir sang traditional Christmas hymns, which drew the Pope's attention. He began to make his way to the Choir to listen to their song, touching the hands of Choir members and gesturing his



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▲ Stephen Williams, Choir Director, directing the Austin Prep Choir at the Basilica of Saint Ignatius of Loyola during their recent holiday trip to Rome. (photo courtesy of Peter's Way Tours)

welcome and prayers with his warm expression of Christmas joy to both Austin Prep students and their families.

"New Year's Eve 2019 will forever be remembered in the history of Austin Prep," said Headmaster James Hickey, Ph.D.

The Rome trip was an extension of the liturgical experience and art and

design curriculum at Austin Prep. As with all of the school's academic programs, opportunities for students to showcase skills learned in an authentic way help create unforgettable experiences that neither textbooks nor classroom lessons can impart.

Dr. Hans-Albert Courtial, Founder and President of

the Foundation for Sacred Music and Art, was integral to Austin Prep's winter Choir pilgrimage.

"I strongly believe in the importance of new generation of artists and composers," he shared.

"This is the reason why the aim of this Festival is to gather choirs of young and adult voices together to encourage musical ex-

cellence and to promote the unifying power of music, which improves contacts among cultures, traditions, and people."

As the Austin Prep students returned to campus from their Rome travels, they begin 2020 both inspired and enriched by their experience.

"It was an amazing experience to see the church-

es, sing for the Pope and to be able to travel with family and friends from school," sophomore Olivia Doherty said. "But more importantly, it was humbling to be able to take such a trip, and we are grateful for the special opportunity we were given. We are able to start the new year centered and re-connected."

Developmental screening for three- and four-year olds

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury Public Schools conducts periodic developmental screenings for three- and four-year old children. This screening is designed to review a child's development and to assist in identifying children who should be re-

ferred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services.

The Tewksbury Integrated Preschool conducts screenings throughout the year and uses the DIAL-4 screening instrument. The screening team is comprised of an Early Child-

hood Specialist, Speech and Language Pathologist and Preschool Teaching Assistants. The team is coordinated by the assistant principal/preschool coordinator.

At the time of the screening, parents receive information about child devel-

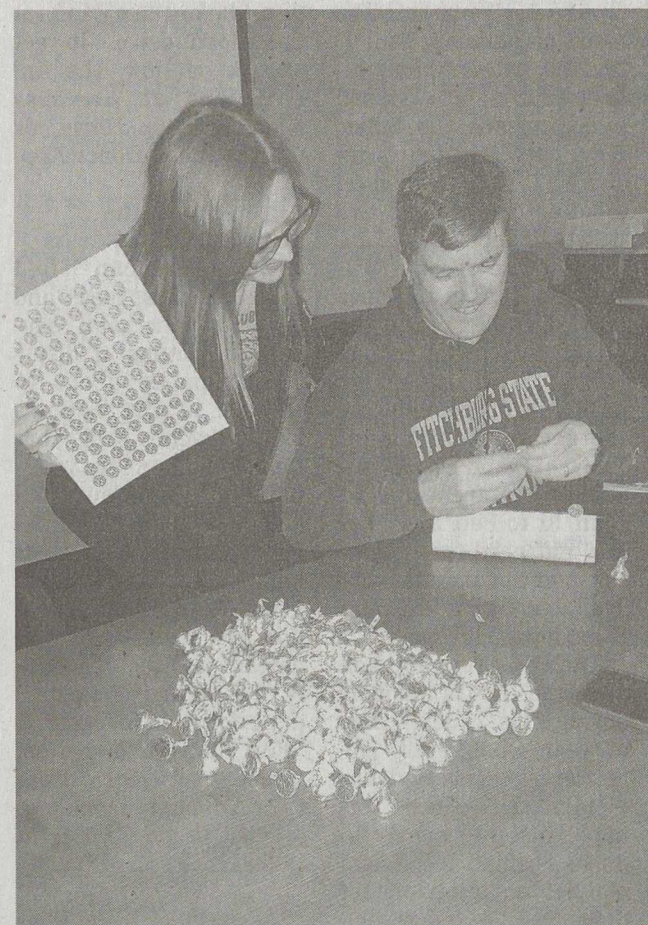
opment and also have the opportunity to speak with specialists regarding any concerns they may have about their child's development. Children participate in the screening activities within the preschool classroom and have an opportunity to

play in a small group to screen communication and social skills.

Parents may request a screening by contacting Alexis Bosworth, assistant principal/preschool coordinator. After screening, parents will receive a written summary of their

child's performance. The next screening date is Friday, Jan. 25, 2020.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Assistant Principal Bosworth at the Dewing School at 978-640-7858 or by email at abosworth@tewksbury.k12.ma.us.



▲ Getting it right. Kiwanis members Colleen West and Steve Connor were busy Monday evening at their meeting at Panera Bread putting Kiwanis logos on Hershey Kisses — thousands of Kisses. Kiwanis Kiss Day is Feb. 8, 2020. (Courtesy photo)

Be Kiwanis' Valentine

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Kiwanis Club will be giving out kisses on Feb. 8 all around town. Be a dear and give a buck to "show some love" for their scholarship program and get a kiss — a Hershey Kiss.

It's all about charity and how the town can come together to support Wilmington students heading to college or trades school. For more than 50 years the Wilmington Kiwanis Club has been awarding scholarships to worthy students. Now they are stepping up their game. Kiwanians plan to raise more money than any other year and award more scholarships

than ever before.

Thanks to the generous sponsors, Lucci's Market, Susan's Kitchen, Align Credit Union, Heavenly Donuts, State Rep. Dave Robertson, TJ's Barber Shop, Strive Fitness, West Real Estate, Invest in Others, Team Blue ERA Team Realty, and Winbrook Promotional, donations from contributors will 100 percent go towards the scholarships.

So have your money ready when you go shopping or for coffee on Saturday, Feb. 8 in Wilmington. Donate a Buck, get a Hershey Kiss and help Wilmington kids continue their education.

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION TO
EXPAND THE POWERS
OF A GUARDIAN

Docket No.
MI17P1812GD

In the Interests of:
Ha Thanh Tran
of Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/17/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court
Date: December 20, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
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ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Daniel F. Babine a/k/a
Daniel F. Babine, Jr.
Karen M. Babine a/k/a
Karen L. Mendelson
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

PHH Mortgage Corporation
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By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kimberly D. Humphrey and Shawn Humphrey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc., dated April 6, 2007 and registered at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 243208 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 38896 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the IndyMac IMSC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-F2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-F2, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2007 is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) solely as nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc., its successors and assigns to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the IndyMac IMSC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-F2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-F2, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2007 dated January 16, 2013 registered at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 271830 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 38896, for breach of condi-

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI19P6217EA

Estate of:
Barbara Ellen Fontaine
Also known as:
Barbara Ellen Fagan
Date of Death:
01/19/2017

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Armand Raymond Fontaine of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/27/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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THE MASSACHUSETTS
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CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 30, 2019

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
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SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on January 27, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Eugene T. Sullivan, Inc. on behalf of PEPE Corporation for a Site Plan Special Permit to construct a 23,300 GSF warehouse addition as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 600 Woburn Street, Assessor's Map 3, Lot 82 zoned Westside Neighborhood Business.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
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PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI19P6459EA

Estate of:

Russell T. Moore
Date of Death:
September 27, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sharon A. Moore of Wilmington MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Sharon A. Moore of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI18P0905EA

Estate of:

Forrest V. Allen, Jr.
Date of Death: 01/31/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Constance Allen of Wilmington MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Constance Allen of Wilmington MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/20/2020.

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
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Critical need for blood and platelet donors after holidays

DEDHAM — The American Red Cross currently has a critical need for blood donors of all blood types — especially type O — and platelet donors to make an appointment now to give and help replenish the blood supply after the holiday weeks. Right now, the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of type O blood. To help tackle the critical need, the Red Cross and NFL are working together to offer one lucky winner a trip to Super Bowl LIV in Miami.

During the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, about 500 fewer blood drives were hosted by volunteer sponsor groups than required to meet patient needs. Many groups postpone blood drives during the winter holidays when travel and holiday activities may make it challenging for many donors to give. In fact, AAA estimated that a record 115.6 million Americans traveled during the holiday period of Dec. 21 through Jan. 1.

"Lifesaving medical treatments and emergencies never take a holiday," said Paul Sullivan, senior vice president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "Declines in donations can affect patient care. That's why the Red Cross is encouraging eligible donors to make an appointment to give now and help those sidelined by illness and trauma."

Donors are urged to make an appointment to give now using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a special thank-you, those who come to give blood or platelets Jan. 1-19, 2020, will automatically be entered for a chance to experience the Super Bowl live. The Red Cross and NFL have teamed up to offer one winner two tickets to Super Bowl LIV, entry to the official NFL Tailgate, tickets to Super Bowl Experience at the Miami Beach Convention Center, round-trip airfare to Miami, three-night hotel accommodations at The Alexander® - All Suite Oceanfront Resort (Jan. 31 to Feb. 3), and a \$500 gift card for expenses.* Additional details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

"The Red Cross appreciates the NFL's support during this crucial time of year when every donation — and every donor — matters. We hope this may inspire some to make regular blood and platelet donation one of their New Year's resolutions," said Sullivan.

Who blood
donations help

This fall, 13-year-old Josh Roy and his family learned the importance of blood donations firsthand. In October, Josh

contracted a severe case of influenza B and necrotizing staph pneumonia. He was transported to the hospital, was put on an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) machine that circulates blood through an artificial lung and eventually needed a tracheostomy tube. Josh has received multiple blood transfusions during his treatment.

"You never know when someone you love might end up needing a blood transfusion," said Jacqueline Bakehorn, Josh's aunt. "We are so thankful for those who have given blood and would love to see more people donate."

Josh is still hospitalized but is making slow, gradual progress. He faces a long road to recovery and may need additional blood transfusions along the way.

How to
donate blood

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

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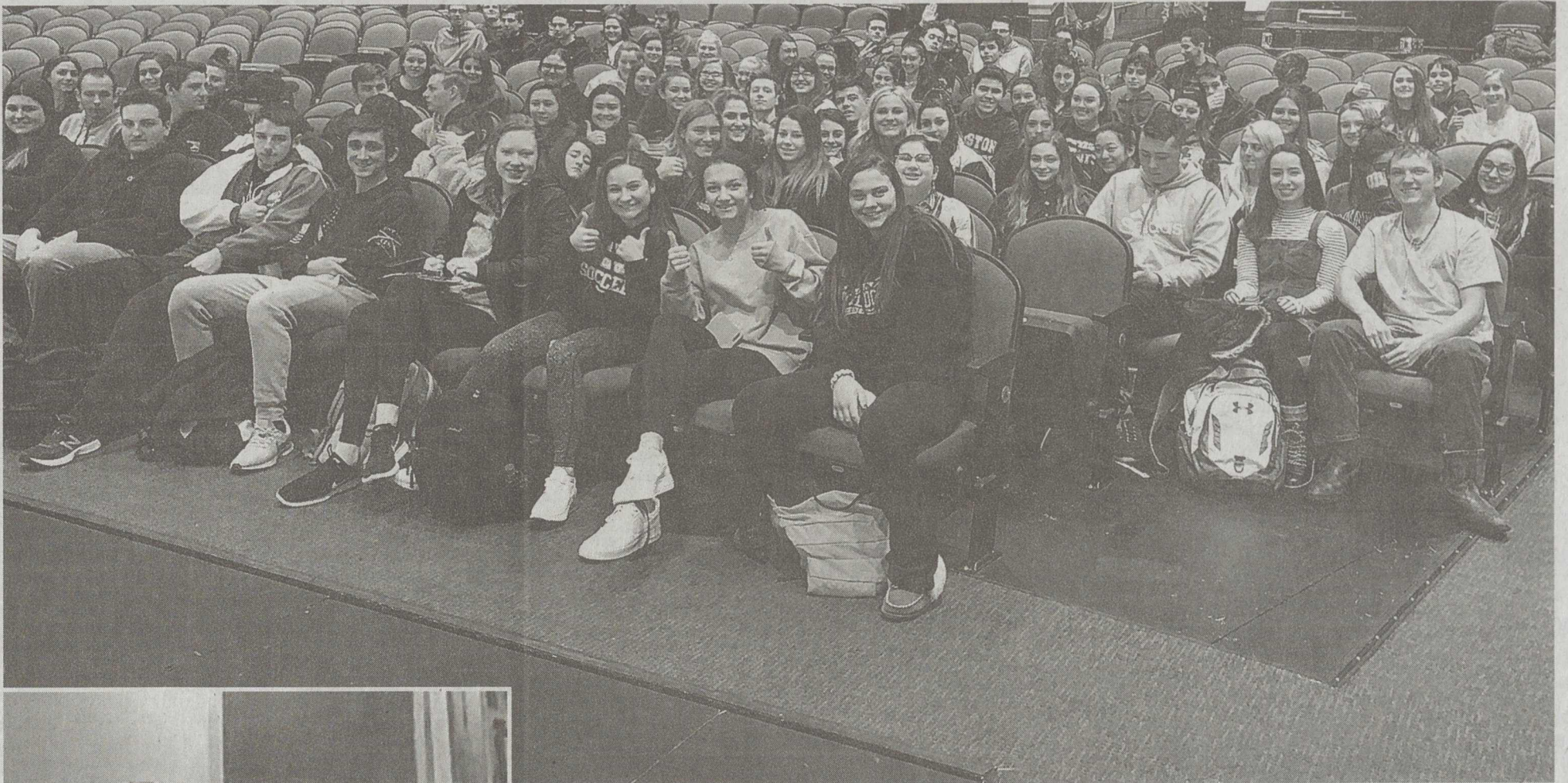
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TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Notice is hereby given that Articles submitted by petition for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 2, 2020, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 7, 2020.

Gregory B. Bendel, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
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Event at WHS puts spotlight on police officers and dogs

▼ The Wilmington Police Department extend their gratitude to Officer Leo of the Chelmsford Police Department and Officer Pimentel from the Middlesex Sheriff's Office for bringing Pebbles, Flaco and Alum to Wilmington High School this week! They also thank senior Service Learning student, Shawn Guiney for organizing this event! (Courtesy photos)



Planners push for rezoning in area around McDonald Road

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ing is approved would be Gingrich submitting the zoning article for Town Meeting; the joint meeting between the Planning Board and the Finance Committee to hear public comment on all of the Town Meeting articles on March 17; and the official 2/3 vote required at Town Meeting in May.

Other items on the Planning Board meeting's agenda for Tuesday involved granting continuances on a number of deadlines and public hearings for site plan reviews, stormwater management permits, and definitive subdivisions.

They continued the conservation subdivision design special permit for 79 Nichols St. and the site plan review, stormwater management permit, and multi-family permit for 635 Main St. Definitive subdivisions and stormwater management permits were continued for Jackie Drive and for 203 Lowell St. 28 Andover St. and 100-110 Fordham Road site plan reviews and stormwater management permits were also continued.

The only public hearing to be closed from the night was the discussion of the site plan review and stormwater management permit for 4 & 6 Waltham St. The applicant previously received a court order for the town to allow their special permit.

While the applicant has at this time presented findings that the site plan review requirements previously agreed to are not required per the court order, the Planning Board ruled that the applicant shall provide the zoning by-law required for the site plan review prior to endorsement.

In new business, the board heard and voted in favor for the request to extend the completion deadline to Dec. 31, 2021 for North Wilmington Estates on behalf of Peter Nicosia, esquire for applicant. The board also voted in favor of the request in Form A, where Analog Devices wants to combine its two lots at 1 Analog Way and 804 Woburn St. in order to use a single address.

Assistant Planner Sierra Pelletier brought two Board of Appeals cases before the board. The first was for 613 Main St.'s exceeding ground-water request, and the second was for a special permit to extend nonconforming structure at 2 King St. Both cases were approved.

The Planning Board also agreed to the request to release surety for 81G application #18-01 for Sherwood Road on behalf of Jonathan Langone. Finally, a few draft decisions and requests to endorse plans have been tabled to board's next meeting, on Feb. 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Come learn about vaping and marijuana

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the conversations started from the event continue at home."

For this reason, the Sub-

stance Abuse Coalition will have take-home resources for families with guided questions to take with them and use after the Jan. 23 talk.

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Reading Coop Bank makes Globe's list of Top 100 Women-Led Businesses

READING — Back in November, The Boston Globe released their list of the Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts. RCB, led by bank President & CEO Julieann Thurlow, was ranked #82 out of more than 2,500 companies in the Commonwealth. Those named to the list were honored by the Globe at an awards ceremony which took place at the Marriott Copley Hotel in Boston.

Julieann Thurlow joined Reading Cooperative Bank in 1993 and rose through the lending ranks to become its president in 2006. At that time, the bank had four branches and \$237.6 million in total assets, and now has assets of \$600 million at eight branches. Julieann is a former board member of the American Bankers Association and presently serves on the ABA's Membership Council and Government Relations Administrative Committee.

She is the chair of the new ABA Core Committee and a founding member of Alloy Labs, a Consortium of banks nationally formed to innovate in the banking space. In 2014, Julieann was named to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's Community Bank Advisory Council.

In 2014, 2016, and 2019, Julieann was named by American Banker Magazine as one of the top 25

Women to Watch in Banking, and the Commonwealth Institute has listed Reading Cooperative Bank a Top 100 Women-Led Business for the past four years running.

"Julie continues to impress us with her dedication to progress and innovation," said Maxine Hart, Chief Human Resources Officer at RCB. "I'm proud to work at a company that isn't afraid to take chances and embraces change. We're always trying to find new ways to improve our customer experience by being on the cutting edge of financial technology, and that's what makes working here so refreshing and exciting."

About Reading Cooperative Bank
Reading Cooperative Bank is a depositor owned co-operative founded in 1886. This community-centric North Shore financial service provider has branches in Reading, Wilmington, North Reading, Andover, and Burlington. They also operate teaching branches at Northeast Metro Tech in Wakefield (open to the public) and at Reading Memorial High School (students and staff only), as well as an online branch at www.readingcoop.com.

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(Courtesy photo)

Paint and Sip Party hosted by Aleppo Drifters

WILMINGTON — The Aleppo Drifters invite residents to a Paint and Sip Party fundraiser. Come enjoy a fun adult night with friends.

Come laugh, drink and paint with the north shore's highest rated paint and sip company on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at Aleppo Temple Shrine, 99 Fordham Road. Bring your friends and they'll provide the materials, instruction, comedy, and experience.

Cost is \$40 per person with all materials included. Get your tickets at bit.ly/adprnf.

Tables will seat six painters. Buy six tickets and get your own table. There is also a cash bar on site so arrive early for a pre-paint cocktail for a little liquid encouragement.

Funds will benefit the Aleppo Drifters Parade Unit.

For more information, visit [Facebook.com/aleppodrfters](https://www.facebook.com/aleppodrfters).

Must be 21 years of age or older due to presence of alcohol.

~Recycling Tip of the Week~

Always put the cap back on a plastic bottle. Unless marked, a plastic cap attached to a plastic bottle can be recycled. If separated, it can clog the recycling machinery.

Pumps and sprayers on your plastic products are usually not recyclable. Place a pump or sprayer in the trash, then rinse and put the bottle in your recycling.

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Big day on the mats: A pair of wrestlers crowned champs at Cohasset Tourney

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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COHASSET - The Cohasset Invitational Tournament has traditionally been a very successful tournament for the Wilmington High Wrestling team, and the 2020 edition of the tournament, held this past Saturday at Cohasset High School was no exception, as the Wildcats had two champions and one finalist on the day.

The Wildcats, despite wrestling with a depleted lineup, also finished very well as a team compiling 129 points to earn a fourth place finish in the seven team field. This was despite having no wrestlers competing above 152 pounds.

Overall, the Wildcats had seven wrestlers place in the top six of their weight class, making it a day to remember for Wilmington coach Joel McKenna and his squad.

"We were thrilled to be able to do so well, even while missing some guys. To have every kid we brought with be able to place in their weight class was outstanding," McKenna said. "The biggest thing for us is still trying to improve on a weekly basis and they all did that once again. Everyone who wrestled was able to come out of there with something positive after a day like that."

The Wildcats were led by championship performances by sophomore Luke Vitale at 106 pounds and junior Joe Ganley at 126 pounds, as well as an outstanding effort by senior Jacob Bernard, who was the runner up at 120 pounds.

Vitale dominated on his way to the title, going 3-0 on the day and winning all three of his matches by pin. He started his day

with a pin of Alex Weeman of Tri-County in a time of 1:50 in the quarterfinals, followed by a pin of Nikoti Olsen of Cohasset in 1:49 semifinals before winning the title with a pin of Brian Connell, also of Cohasset, in the finals in a time of 1:16.

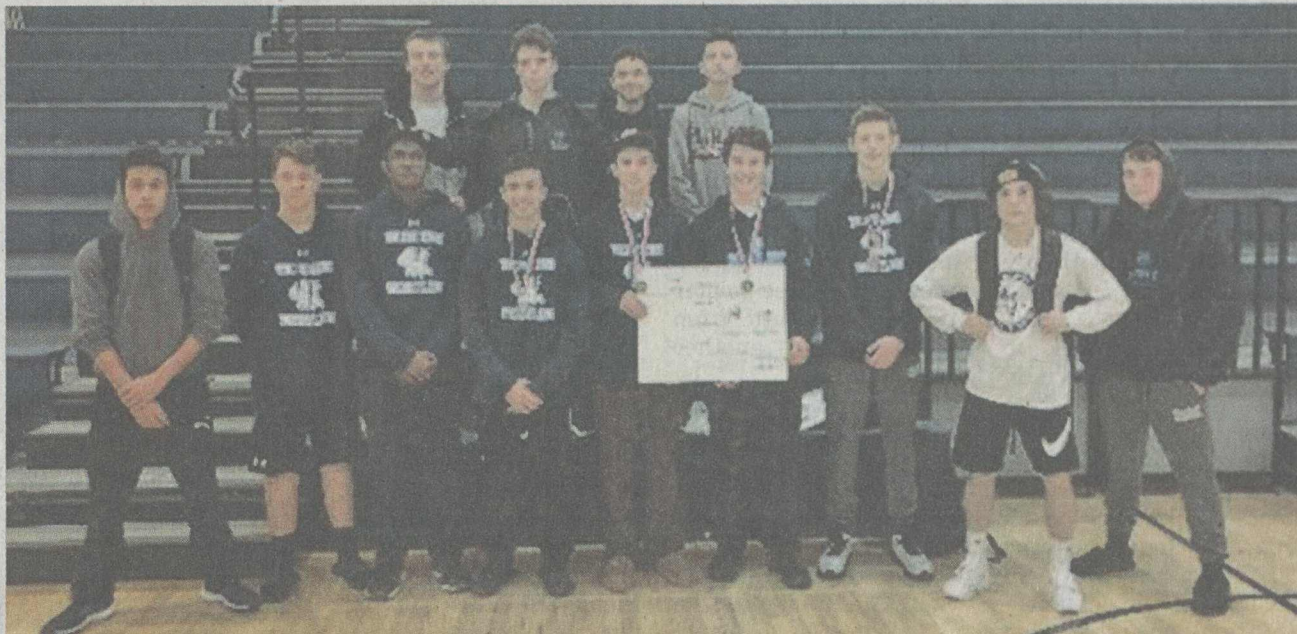
"Luke is a first year wrestler for us, but he has some experience at the youth level, and you can see he remembers a lot of the stuff that he did years ago, and it is starting to show in his matches," McKenna said. "He was able to place in the Framingham Tournament and he is starting to beat the kids he is supposed to beat."

"We knew he would have some growing pains at the start, but he has turned things around very quickly. It's awesome to see him come out on top in a tournament. It is a great building block for him."

While Vitale's win may have come as a bit of a surprise, the win by Ganley at 126 pounds was anything but that. Expectations have been high for Ganley all season long and he has consistently responded. Saturday was just the latest strong effort in what has been an outstanding season for Ganley.

Ganley also had three pins on his way to the title, starting with a pin of Henry Rank of Nauset in the quarterfinals, followed by wins by pin over Aleksander Hunter of Hanover in the semifinals and Gregor Guempel of Cohasset in the finals.

"Joe is getting himself to a space where he is building off of what he did last year, and has continued to improve. He is at a level now where he expects to do well," McKenna said. "He knows what is expected of him. He is very busi-



The WHS Wrestling team finished in fourth place, which included sending three wrestlers to the finals of this past Saturday's annual Cohasset Tournament. Celebrating the successful day includes front row from left: Adam Lopez, Joe Kullman, Sukathram Sivakumar, Jacob Bernard, Luke Vitale, Joe Ganley, Ryan Martin, Ben Andrus and Shane Penney; back row from left: Stephen Smolinsky, Dylan Clerico, Gabe DaSilva and Mark Donovan. (courtesy photo).

nesslike in his approach. It is like clocking into the office for him.

"He knows what he is doing, he knows what he has to do to prepare, and he goes out and does it. He still has room to grow, but he is doing very well."

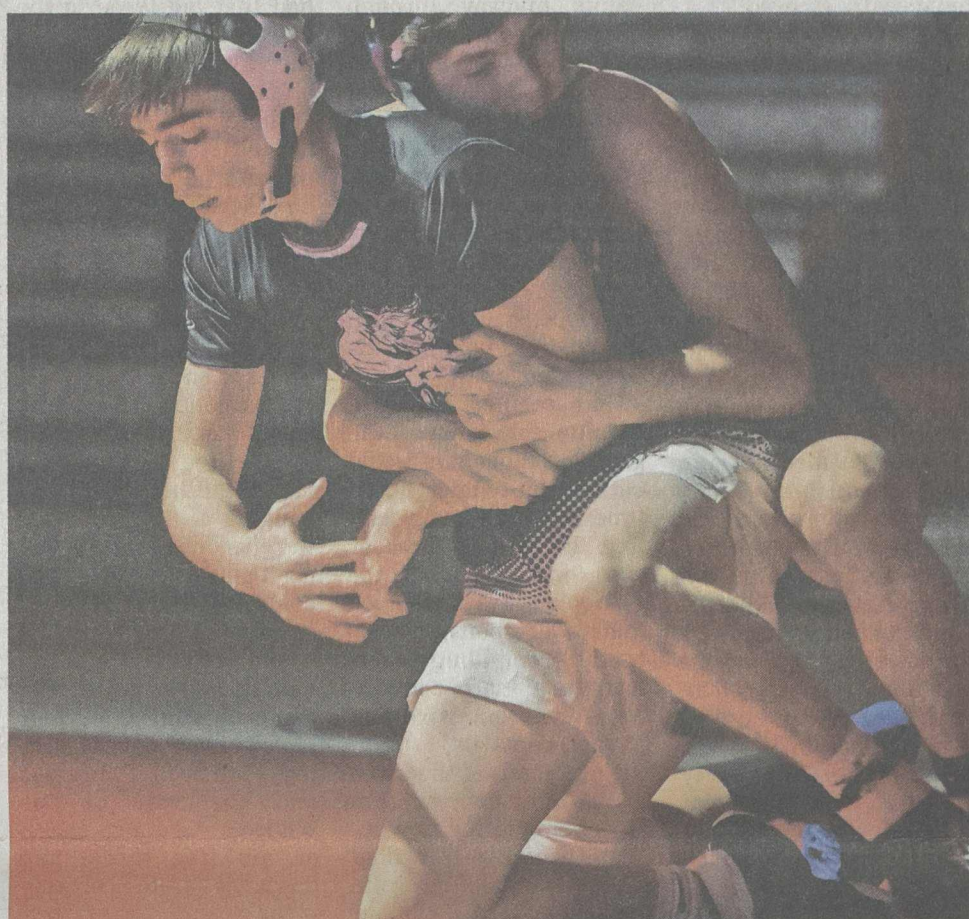
Bernard came up just a little but short of the title at 120 pounds, pinning Billy Robinson of Rockland in just 41 seconds in the quarterfinals and winning by a 7-0 decision over Joe Nicholson of Tri-County in semifinals. He suffered a loss by pin in the finals to Shayne Galvin of Cohasset, in a match where he led 2-1 at the time of the pin.

"Getting to the finals is an important piece of what Jacob is hoping to do for the rest of the season. He was actually up in points in the final, but he got caught for the pin," McKenna said. "But overall he wrestled really well. It was against a kid he had beaten before, so it was a match where I know he wished he had back, but he will face him at least one more time in a dual meet, and maybe in states as well."

Senior Ryan Martin had a big day for himself, going 3-1 on the day to earn a third place finish, with his biggest win of the day coming in his third place match with a pin over Andreus Ellis of Tri-County in a time of 2:55.

"Ryan has been working his tail off. He has been a fantastic senior captain for us and it has been great to see him wrestling a complete season, being injury free," McKenna said. "He has been wrestling with more confidence. He is another kid who still has room to improve, but he is doing very well."

Other place winners for the Wildcats included junior Shane Penney who was fourth at 132 pounds, Mark Donovan who was fifth at 106 pounds as was freshman Gabe DaSilva at 113 pounds and junior



During last Thursday night's Middlesex League Dual Meet at Burlington, Wilmington's Nicholas Doyle tries to escape from Tim Vadnais in the 152-pound match. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Dylan Clerico at 145 pounds. Adam Lopez (120 pounds) and Stephen Smolinsky (152) each earned sixth place finishes.

Prior to the Cohasset Invitational, the Wildcats had traveled to Burlington last Wednesday night for a Middlesex League matchup. Despite wrestling well, Wilmington wound up on the short end of a 31-27 decision. McKenna felt that with a little bit of better luck, the Wildcats may have come out on top.

The Red Devils are led by a pair of outstanding wrestlers in twin brothers Zach and Cameron Soda at 113 and 120 pounds respectively, along with Joseph Perna at 126 pounds. Those weight classes are also typically where Wilmington is strongest, but they could

not quite match up with Burlington's best.

"We had a really solid night. Unfortunately, we did not win the coin flip to be able to dictate some key matchups," McKenna said. "If we had done that, I think we would have won."

"We got off to a 12-0 start, (starting at 195 pounds), but they have some very talented kids, starting with the Soda twins who are excellent, wrestling at some of the weights we are usually strong at. So, that made a big difference. We wrestled tough, but their strengths matched up very well with our strengths."

One Wildcat who had a very big night was Clerico, who won his match at 145 pounds by pin in a time of 1:51.

"He is a second year kid

for us, and he is coming back from a shoulder injury and he is doing well. He gives 110 percent all the time, and will do whatever it takes to win," McKenna said. "I can't say enough good things about him. He is a great character kid. It doesn't matter what the score is, he will keep battling to try and get the victory. That was a great win for him. We are thrilled with how he has come along."

Other winners on the night for the Wildcats included Vitale (105, forfeit), Penney (132, pin 0:19), Marcello Misuraca (170, 10-4 dec.) and Dean Nally (forfeit).

The Wildcats will be back in action on Saturday when they host a quad meet against Leominster, Middleboro and Milford. Wrestling will begin at 10:00 a.m.



Wilmington's Luke Vitale was one of the two champions on Saturday at the Cohasset Tournament. (courtesy photo).

Updating the search for the new AD

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WILMINGTON - Several weeks ago at the last Wilmington School Committee Meeting, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Glenn Brand announced an update on the search for the new Athletic Director at WHS.

He said that the plan he put forth more than a month ago remains on target, meaning the deadline to apply for the position passed on January 4th. Initial interviews will be held from January 13-24th and the finalists will be announced the week of January 27th with the intention of naming the new person on February

24th.

The Town Crier has learned that three members of the WHS coaching staff have applied for the position including assistant baseball coach Brian Cairn, head boys basketball coach Dennis Ingram and head girls lacrosse coach Bill Manchester.

Wilmington resident Ron Jordan, a longtime baseball coach and Tewksbury resident Zachary Swale, who runs the Mill City Eagles semi-pro football team, have also applied, the Crier has learned.

The Search/Screening Committee has also been announced. It will be run by the district's human resource director Andrea Stern-Armstrong and will

feature Leanne Ebert (District Administrator), Kevin Welch (Building Administrator), Stephanie Murray (WHS Teacher), Laura Stinson and Patrick Taylor (Coaches), Brian Kane and Raneen Rooney (parents) and Emily Lee (student).

Ebert is also the WHS Field Hockey Coach and Welch previously served as the WHS Girls Tennis Coach and is now the Principal at the Shawshen Elementary School.

The new AD is slated to take over on July 1st and he/she will become the school's sixth AD following Larry Cushing, Jim Martin (6 months), Jim Gillis, Ed Harrison and

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Wildcats get into the left hand column for the first time

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WILMINGTON - In a game they absolutely had to win if they hope to potentially qualify for the post season later next month, the Wilmington High Basketball team stepped up in a big way last Friday night, picking up their first win of the season with a 60-51 win over Middlesex League rival Stoneham at the Lawrence H. Cushing Gymnasium.

The win improves the Wildcats to 1-4 on the season, but more importantly evened their record at 1-1 against Division 3 opponents as they seek to achieve a .500 record in those games in order to qualify for the post-season.

Regardless of the opponent, Wildcats coach Dennis Ingram was thrilled to see his team get into the win column.

"I think everybody on the team enjoyed it," Ingram said. "Wins are tough to come by, so when you get it, it is great and I think everybody on the team really enjoyed it."

The Wildcats were led by a pair of outstanding performances from sophomore guard Tommy Mallinson and senior guard Kevin Palmerino. Mallinson led the way with 21 points, two assists, six rebounds and five steals, while Palmerino chipped in with 13 points, four assists, five rebounds and two steals.

While the game was close throughout, the Wildcats seemed to be in control all the way through. Stoneham held a 4-2 lead in the opening minutes of the game, but after that the Wildcats never trailed again, holding leads of 18-13 at the end of one quarter and 27-23 at the half.

"If you look back at the score by quarters, they outscored us by one point in the second quarter, but in the other three quarters we were able to outscore them," Ingram said. "We felt pretty good coming into the game. I

think we brought some of that confidence we had gained in practice and I think carried that over into the game."

The confidence was evident right from the start in the Wildcats shooting with Mallinson and junior guard James McCarron knocking down three pointers early on.

The score stood tied at 8-8 with just over two minutes left in the opening quarter when the Wildcats went on an 8-0 run, starting with a nice put back by underneath from senior center Andrews Munsie and followed by a three-pointer off the backboard from Mallinson and another three-pointer by Palmerino to make the score 16-8 with 51 seconds left.

Stoneham would close the gap to get within 18-13 before the end of the quarter, but the Wildcats had set the stage for how the rest of the game would play out.

Wilmington would maintain their lead throughout the second quarter, leading by as many as seven points midway through the frame when Mallinson had a steal at midcourt and then made a great spin move to the basket to make the score 24-17.

Stoneham would fight back to within 25-23 late in the frame, but a bucket by Palmerino with 20 seconds left sent the teams to their locker rooms with the Wildcats holding a 27-23 advantage.

That seemed to be a theme throughout the game, as Stoneham would cut into the Wildcats lead time and time again, cutting the lead to three or even one point, but the Wildcats always seemed to have a response, consistently rebuilding their lead to a more comfortable five or six-point advantage.

It was more of the same in the third quarter, with Stoneham closing to within 27-26 and 29-28 behind some hot shooting from junior guard Connor Gilmartin (23 points), but the Wildcats responded

once again, extending their lead to 38-31 on a three pointer by sophomore Will Doucette with 1:50 left in the frame, and they held a 40-34 advantage after three quarters of play.

"It definitely had that feel, of us being in control," Ingram said. "So many times, we were looking up, saying are they going to make a run? But our guys would come up with a stop, or they would turn it over and we would come down the other end and get a big bucket. They responded really well."

A big key to that response of course was Palmerino and Mallinson, who time and again would grab the big rebound or make the big shot to keep the Wildcats in control.

The final example of their efforts came midway through the fourth quarter when Stoneham had closed to within 43-39, but Palmerino came back on the next Wildcats possession to drain the three-pointer to give Wilmington a 46-39 lead with 3:51 left in the game.

"Kevin played great. He had that big three in the fourth quarter. We run the two-point guard offense, through the two of those guys, so we really put a lot of it in their hands. We need them to both well and they both played well tonight," Ingram said. "Tommy knows his skill set. We are looking for offense from him and he is not afraid to shoot. You could see the confidence coming out of them."

"Any time they made a mistake, there was no hanging of the heads. It was just like, ok, we will get them next time. You could feel the confidence starting to grow with the whole team, and it starts with those two guys"

In addition to their clutch three point shooting, Mallinson, Palmerino and the rest of the Wildcats were also clutch at the free throw line down the stretch, making eight of nine three throws in the final minute of the game to seal the win, cap-



Wilmington High basketball player Evan Witalisz drives to the net with Burlington's Shane Mahoney defending him during an earlier season home game.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The senior members on this year's Wilmington Boys Basketball team includes from left, Ryan Clarke, Andrew Munsie and Kevin Palmerino. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

ping off what was a great night overall from the free throw line for Wilmington.

"We went 10-for-11 in the fourth quarter and 13-for-18 in the game which is great," Ingram said. "I have been talking with them for the past two weeks, reminding them that in our last game against Stoneham we were 15-for-31 from the line and we lost by ten points. It looks like they

heard the message and stepped up and made big shots.

"Watching those guys step to the line with confidence and knocking those down with a little swagger was great to see."

'CATS FALL TO ROCKETS

Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they were unable to keep their positive momentum going on Tuesday night when they

suffered a 70-39 loss at home to Reading. The game was actually close at the end of the first quarter, but Reading then proceeded to outscore the Wildcats 43-13 through the second and third quarters on their way to the blowout win.

Mallinson led all Wildcats scorers with nine points, while Andrew Munsie added seven.

Girls team also gets into the left hand column - not once, but twice

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WILMINGTON - It has been a rough start to the season for the Wilmington High Girls Basketball team, who entered last Friday night's game with Stoneham with an 0-3 record, while still looking to meet the high expectations they had heading into the season.

Nobody knows what the future will hold for this Wildcats squad, but on Friday night they certainly

ly looked like a team headed in the right direction, dominating their opponents on their way to at 53-36 win for their first victory of the season.

While there is still work to be done, Wildcats coach Jessica Robinson was pleased to see her team's improved play compared to the first three games of the season.

"We had some good spurts, for sure," Robinson said. "We put together a little bit more of a game today than we

had in the previous three."

The Wildcats got outstanding efforts throughout their lineup to pick up the win, led by junior Kylie DuCharme, who had 18 points, 18 rebounds, six steals and four assists while senior guard Jenna Tavanese also had a terrific performance with 14 points, five assists and seven steals. Junior guard Jenna Sweeney chipped in with five points and had an impressive seven steals.

"Kylie is a great player and when she is playing confident, watch out," Robinson said. "There are not many people that are going to be able to contain her. The whole team did a good job out of our transition offense and Kylie and Jenna were able to find the open people."

After a tightly contested first quarter which saw the Wildcats take an 11-9 lead after the first eight minutes, Wilmington dominated the rest of the way, extending their lead to 11 points at the half and 18 points at the end of three quarters before settling for the 17-point win.

Tied 11-11 in the early stages of the second quarter, the Wildcats went on a 9-0 run behind the efforts of DuCharme, Tavanese and Sweeney to extend their lead to 20-11.

Tavanese got the scoring started with a pair of hoops after great outlet passes from DuCharme, before DuCharme did the job herself shortly thereafter, with a hoop to make the score 18-11.

Moments later, Sweeney capped the run with a bas-

ket off a steal of a Stoneham inbound pass with 3:10 left in the half.

The Wildcats maintained their comfortable lead throughout the rest of the half, heading to the break with a 25-14 advantage.

Wilmington continued their dominance in the third quarter, scoring right out of the gate with a three pointer by senior Olivia Almeida and extending their lead from there, seeing it reach as many 17 points at 35-18 on a hoop by sophomore Rita Roche with 2:20 left in the quarter, before the Wildcats eventually led 39-21 at the end of three thanks to a late basket by junior Kayla Smith.

Wilmington appeared to have the game well in hand at that point, but

Stoneham refused to quit, outscoring the Wildcats by a 12-2 margin to start the fourth quarter to close within 41-33 with 4:58 left in the game, prompting Robinson to call a timeout so her team could regroup.

And regroup they did, going on a 12-0 run of their own, led by DuCharme, who had eight of the 12 points during the run, while Anne Wingate and Tavanese provided the other points.

"We came out of the timeout and we responded on defense," Robinson said. "And defense was really the difference in the game. We did struggle again finishing, but our defense was what allowed us to pull away."

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Wilmington High senior Olivia Almeida look to make a pass for the Varsity Girls Basketball team during an earlier season game against Burlington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Wildcats stick past tough times and pull out first two victories of the season

By **DAN ZIMMERMAN**
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WILMINGTON — After suffering four consecutive one-goal defeats to start the season, the Wilmington girl's hockey team finally turned a corner with back-to-back wins this week.

The Wildcats edged Arlington Catholic, 2-1, to earn their first win of the season and followed-up with an impressive come-from-behind 3-2 defeat of the Burlington Red Devils at Ristuccia on Saturday.

Trailing by a goal heading into the third period, Zoe DeRose lit the lamp for a pair down the stretch and led the Wildcats to their second win. In the earlier match with Arlington Catholic, goal scorers were Ida Bishop and Ashley Mercier with her first tally.

"We still have a lot of work to do but there are areas today where we saw definite improvement," said Wilmington coach John LaPiana, who improved to 2-4 overall (1-3 Middlesex League). "We scored three goals today and that will be our threshold but the other areas of concern will be addressed in the upcoming week of practice."

One of those areas LaPiana alluded to was a departure from the type of disciplined hockey this team is known for. There were far too many Wilmington penalties, at least when compared with earlier games.

Late in the game, for instance, the Wildcats committed successive infractions and handed Burlington a 4-minute power play opportunity.

Then again, Wilmington's lack of discipline paled in comparison to that of Burlington which saw a pair of players ejected, including one

for a flagrant body check and another for her role in a melee that broke out in the third period.

"I can live without all of that nonsense," said LaPiana when asked about the incident that led to the early departure of Burlington's top skater, Bella Hacker. "I like to see our girls playing stricter, more disciplined, and more team-oriented rather than retaliatory in those instances. But as far as our opponent's frustration, that might be the result of our team being more competitive lately."

Five minutes into the game, Burlington jumped ahead on a goal from an opportunistic Lizzy Boulos. Her linemate, Hacker, skated in along the right wing, circled the net, and sent a long feed back to the point where Boulos had just entered the zone. She one-timed the Red Devils into a 1-0 lead, beating goaltender Melanie Hayden, glove side.

At the 9:53 mark of the second period, Wilmington freshman Katelin Hally found a stretch of open ice in the offensive zone and lugged the puck into the right circle. Hally took the shot on the go, sending a skimmer along the ice surface. With the blade of her stick, Burlington goalie Colleen McMakin redirected the puck to a perfectly-positioned Gabriella Daniels, and the Wildcat freshman wasted no time drilling the tying goal to the back of the net.

LaPiana was pleased that some new names were added to the score-sheet in this game and attributed that to recent practice sessions.

"I know it's cliché to say, but we had a really great week of practice," LaPiana said. "This was, by far, our best week of



Wilmington forward Paige Fuller chases after a loose puck for the Wildcats during an earlier season home game against Belmont. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

practice and I really have to give the girls credit. We were moving the puck with crisp passing and we worked on the forecheck. In practice, we leave no stone unturned. We work on the fundamentals and all the things that are necessary in order to compete."

Roughly five-minutes after Wilmington tied the game, Burlington recaptured the lead, 2-1, on a goal from Abby Sousa, who gained the slot, made a goal-scorer's move switching from the forehand to the backhand, and tucked it behind Hayden.

Outshot in the third period by a 12-4 margin, the Wildcats made the most of their limited opportunities. Skating four-on-four while each team served penalties, Zoe DeRose took full advantage of the open ice. She picked up an errant pass in the neutral zone and skated hard to the net. Pestered all the way by a defenseman, DeRose was still able to get off a good shot and knot the game at two apiece with 13:53 left. Ida Bishop earned a helper on the tying goal.

Burlington, noticeably

frustrated after the ejection of Hacker midway through the third, redoubled their efforts to reclaim the lead. A pair of consecutive power plays put the Red Devils in the driver's seat down the stretch. But standing in their path was Hayden who was especially brilliant during this sequence, making a number of huge stops.

"It can be a little unnerving because we rely on her so much," said LaPiana of his stellar goalie. "Our defensive scheme is designed so we don't have to rely on the goaltender so much yet every week, she sees a ton of pucks and stops all that she should and a few that she shouldn't. She is fabulous."

"I think the fact that we're going to the opponent's net and scoring more goals is a help to me," said Hayden, who turned aside 30 Burlington shots. "I think our defense is doing a great job clearing players out from in front of the net and protecting me."

With 7:03 left in the game, DeRose, Daniels, and Antonia Brunetto combined to crash the



Wilmington High junior forward Zoe DeRose handles the puck for the Wildcats during an earlier season game. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

net. In the ensuing scrum in front of McMakin, DeRose slid the puck beneath the goalie's outstretched pad for what later proved to be the game-winning goal.

"Yes, we now have four points," said LaPiana.

"There will be more points to come. But we're going to have to grind every single point that we get out of this league. But we know what we need to address to make it happen."



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Hockey team ties Melrose, falls in terrific battle against Burlington

Wilmington lifts its play against league's best

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Although they only came out with one point in two games, the Wilmington High School boys hockey team made several giant leaps this past week, ending in a 2-2 tie with Melrose played on New Year's Eve and then falling 3-2 in a fantastic back-and-forth game against Burlington, the No. 9 ranked team in all of Division 1, according to Hockey Night in Boston's latest poll.

The 0-1-1 week against two superb D1 programs, puts the 'Cats at 3-3-1 overall through seven games and for that they are ranked No. 13 in D2 according to HNIB.

Wilmington has wins over Belmont (4-2), defending Division 1 state champion Winchester (2-1) and Newton North (4-0), while, falling to Reading (1-0), the No. 17 ranked team in D1, North Andover (3-2), the No. 8 team in Division 2, and then Burlington. All three losses have been by one goal.

Burlington, who extended its winning streak to six (6-1-0) with the win, are a polished, skilled team with size and strong skating ability. The Red Devils finished with 14 wins a season ago and are always among the top teams in the entire state.

"I thought we played well," said Wilmington head coach Steve Scanlon. "The pace was good, it was up and down, we skated with them the whole way and we put some shots on them. It wasn't an uneven as it has been sometimes with them. I thought we competed well with them and we had chances (to score). We had a lot of chances. We had a bunch of 2-on-1s and you got to pay those off."

The game was scoreless after the first period with the 'Cats holding an 8-5 shot advantage. Wilmington killed off a big penalty midway through, and after that had several real good scoring bids including Chris Bernazani stealing the puck at the left dot and his wrist went into the gut of goalie Joe Trabucco (20 saves).

Wilmington continued that momentum in the final few minutes with Christian Robarge having two good bids down low with Trabucco making both stops, including the rebound, followed up by another bid from Robarge coming from the right side of the net.

In the first half of the second period, Wilmington played really



Above, Wilmington's Riley Fitzgerald fires off a shot despite pressure from Reading's Matt Fiorenza and below Christian Robarge handles the puck in the same game, while Jared Venezia looks on. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



well. Robarge made a nice drop pass to his cousin and linemate Zach Kincaid, whose shot from the low left circle was saved.

Then with 7:02 left in the period, Joe Hill took a face-off to the left of Trabucco. He won it back to the right point to James Kourkoutas, who took a quick shot that was saved at the right side of the net. James' brother Peter, saw the rebound poked at it, and then poked at it again, this time finding the back of the net for the 1-0 lead.

The momentum continued as Jared Venezia came in on a 2-on-1 and from the right inside dot, he fired a shot that was kicked out by Trabucco to his right, and Robarge just missed getting a stick on the rebound, with the keeper out of position.

With 2:38 left in the period, Burlington tied it up. The 'Cats turned the puck over in their own end and Zach Auble retrieved it and went flying down the right wing side before putting a shot over the shoulder of Wilmington goalie Anthony Cuozzo (25

saves), who once again was nothing short of stellar in this one.

Burlington added two goals in the first 5:07 and 8:34 of the third period, the first on a scramble in front and the puck getting poked in by Cam Costa, and the third on a shot that fell behind Cuozzo, and was tapped in by Jack Jay, making it 3-1 with 6:26 left.

Wilmington called timeout with 1:47 left and 41 seconds later, Hill set up Robarge with a sweet pass and the senior went in from the right side and

beat the goalie with an even sweeter intight move cutting the deficit to 3-2 with 66 seconds to go.

"I thought we showed a lot of fight battling back, getting the second goal," said Scanlon. "But when we pulled Anthony for the extra skater, we were never able to get out of our own zone. Overall the compete level was good."

In the tie with Melrose, Hill and Peter Kourkoutas assisted on Riley Fitzgerald's goal and then Hill tied the game up late on an assist from Kourkoutas.

"Melrose is a big, athletic team. They have a lot of the football players on their team and it was a heck of a battle. Antony was real good in the net again and he made 30-plus saves again," said Scanlon.

Overall, in terms of improvement, skating and competing with two top echelon teams, Scanlon was pretty happy.

"Obviously we would have liked to have taken more points out of the week, but the effort this past week against real good teams was really good," he said. "In this league you have to consistently do it. We don't have enough skill to take any team lightly. I was pleased with the effort and stuff, but a few breaks here and there - cashing in (opportunities and things could have been different). Their goalie also made a lot of good saves."

CATS BEAT WARRIORS

On Tuesday night at home, the Wildcats defeated Wakefield, 3-1, to improve the team's overall record to 4-3-1. Riley Fitzgerald scored a first period power play goal to tie the game up at 1-1 with

assists going to Venezia and CJ Petrie.

The score remained that way until the third period when Hill scored an unassisted short-handed goal coming at 2:41 into the frame, and then Bernazani notched his first varsity goals at the 7:22 mark, with assists going to Robbie Courtney and Taylor Padulsky.

"We were scored on early and it took a little time for us to get going," said Scanlon. "Period two we were very disciplined, took a lot of lazy penalties and were fortunate to come out of the period tied. We played a good period three. We are still searching for the complete game. We out shot them 33-20 for the game. Anthony made 19 saves."

Scanlon also pointed out the terrific play of junior defenseman Matt Pendenza.

"Matt continues to be a force for us on defense," said Scanlon. "He has been our best player so far. He has played solid on defense, he can go with the puck and help create offense off the rush. He is doing real well."

HONORING NO. 1 FAN

Wilmington will be home for the first time this season on Saturday against Stoneham (4-3-0/0-3-0 in the league) for a 12:00 pm start. The game will be held in honor of one of its biggest fans Stephen Bowker, who passed away back in 2019. The Wildcats will be wearing their purple jerseys, and off the ice there will be a bake sale, a t-shirt sale with all proceeds donated to the Dana Farber Institute for Pancreatic Cancer Research in honor of Bowker.



Wilmington High junior Jenna Sweeney makes a lay-up during the girls basketball team's earlier season game with Burlington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Wildcats take two games

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All in all it added up to a very satisfying victory for the Wildcats, who will now turn their attention to the rest of their schedule where they hope to put a winning streak together.

"We wanted that first win, and now that we have it, we are hoping to continue to get better and fight for qualification for the tournament," Robinson said.

WINGATE WINS IT

The Wildcats took another step towards qualifying for the post season on Tuesday night when they pulled out a dramatic 43-41 road win over Reading to improve to 2-3 on the season.

Ducharme and Tavanese once again led the way for Wilmington, with Ducharme scoring 20 points while grabbing 18 rebounds. Tavanese meanwhile had 16 points and five steals.

Despite their great performance, however, the game still hung in the balance in the closing seconds, with the Wildcats clinging to a slim 40-38 lead with 9.5 seconds left when Annie Wingate calmly stepped to the line and knocked down a pair of free throws to make it 42-38.

Reading came back with a quick three pointer to make the score 42-41 with 2.1 seconds left and then sent Tavanese to the free throw line. The senior captain knocked down one of two free throws and Ducharme grabbed the rebound of the miss on the second shot to seal the win.

Jenna Sweeney played great defense for the Wildcats against Reading sharp shooter Jackie Malley, holding her to two points in the second half after she went off for 13 in the first half.

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WHS Boys Track team picks up first two wins over Stoneham and Watertown

Running past two Middlesex League Foes

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BOSTON - This past Thursday, the Wilmington High School boys indoor track-and-field team picked up its first victory over the season in convincing fashion, a 68-32, decision over Stoneham.

Four individuals placed in multiple events to lead the victory. Jeandre Abel, Isaac Avila, Richie Stuart and Sam Juergens combined for 4 first places, 2 seconds and 2 thirds for a total of 28 of the team's points. Abel was best in the 55-meter dash (7.01) and 300 (38.61) and Juergens was tops in both the 55-meter hurdles (9.02) and high jump (5-8).

"The top performances of the day went to Jeandre Abel and Sam Juergens, who both won two events and are currently our two leading point scorers thus far this season," said head coach Mike Kinney. "Sam had personal records in his two events."

Avila was second in the dash at 7.11 and third in the high jump clearing 5-2 and Stuart was second in the 300 at 38.78 and third in the long jump at 17-06.

Wilmington swept the 1,000 and took first and second in both the 600 and the mile. In the 1,000, Brian Elderd qualified for the state meet with his first place time of 2:46.35 and he was followed by Sean Riley (2:47.30) and Pat O'Mahony (2:50.97).

"Brian Elderd beat out his teammates Sean Riley and Pat O'Mahony earning some bragging rights for the time being," said Kinney with a laugh. "Our core of mid-distance runners are our team strength and they will be heavily relied upon going forward."

In the 600, Aiden McGrath also qualified for the state meet with his first place finish time of 1:28.39 and was followed by Jake Danieli, who was second at 1:28.42.

"This was Aidan's first attempt at the 600 so it was nice to see him quali-



Above Sean Lydon competes in the 1,000 meters and to the right Owen Surette (left) and Nolan Kennedy push each other in their race during an earlier season league meet held at Boston University.

(photos by Jim Vaiknoras).

fy for the state meet," said Kinney. "The 600 should be excellent for his training for the 400 outdoors. Aidan is a talented runner and Jake is extremely tough."

Then in the mile, Greg Adamek was first at 4:35.21 and Sean Lydon was second at 10:57.24.

"Greg continues to impress. He is closing in on the school record, in which he needs to break the 4:30 mark, which would be a great accomplishment," said Kinney, and "Sean's performance was a personal record."

The other first place came by the 4x400 relay team which had a time of 3:46.94.

The final points of the day came from Sam Curdo, who was second in the shot put at 36-08, and Chris Wong, who was third in the hurdles at 9.45 seconds.

On Tuesday, Wilmington

defeated Watertown, 74-25, to improve to 2-1-1 on the season.

Three athletes led the way by placing in two events each. Juergens again was tops in the 55-meter hurdles (8.92) and high jump (5-6). Stuart was second in the long jump (17-9) and third in the 300 (39.17) and Avila was second in the dash at 7.15 seconds and third in the long jump at 17-8.

Other first places came from Sean Riley, who qualified for the state meet with a time of 1:26.67 in the 600, Adamek who had a personal best in the two-mile at 10:01.06, Nathan Curdo who also had a personal best in the shot put (39-0), Owen Surette who qualified for the state meet with a 4:42 time in the mile, while both the 4x200 (1:39.64) and 4x400 (3:47.41) teams won their races.

Coming away with sec-



onds included Aiden McGrath in the 600 (1:28.39), Pat O'Mahony with a personal record in the 1,000 (2:47.19), Alex Boehm in the two-mile (11:01.86), Chris Wong with a personal best in the 55-meter hurdles (9.34) and Jack Melanson in the shot put (31-7).

Rounding out the scoring with third places included Colton Sullivan in the 55-meter dash at 7.32 seconds, Jake Danieli in the 1,000 at 2:50.75, Joe Lydon in the mile at 5:01, Sean Lydon in the two-mile at 11:06.11, Joe DeMoura in the high jump clearing 5-2 and Eric Lingenfelter in the shot put throwing 31-55.

"This weekend we are heading to the Dartmouth Relays in New Hampshire with fifteen athletes. We are looking forward to the trip. The runners should get some big meet experience which should pay off

later in the season at the league meet and the state meets," said Kinney.

FRESHMEN/ SOPHOMORE MEET

On Sunday, Wilmington participated in the M S T C A Freshmen/Sophomore Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury. Joe DeMoura was the top performer on the day as he finished sixth in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.34 seconds, while he was also 11th in the high jump clearing 5-4.

"Joe DeMoura was our sole medal winner but overall it was a good developmental day for all who competed," said Kinney.

DeMoura was also a part of the 17th place 4x200 relay team along with Jonathan Magliozzi, Evan Shackelford and Jeandre Abel.

In addition, Magliozzi was 15th in the long jump at 16-11, Shackelford was 29th in the 600 at 1:42.02.

In the other running events, Nick DiNatale was 60th in the 55-meter dash at 8.50 seconds, Noah Carriere was 55th in the 300 at 46.15, Nick Atwater was 44th in the 600 at 1:47.13, Christian Niceforo (42nd) and Akash Chatterji (44th) finished at 3:30.58 and 3:42.49 in the 1,000 and in the mile Jayden DeFrancesco was 63rd with a time of 6:25.77.

Also the 4x400 relay team of Braydon Gorski, Liam Lydon, Carriere and John Ware finished 18th at 4:37.39.

In the non-running events, Luka Smilijic was 12th in the high jump clearing 5-4, and then in the shot put, Jack Melanson was 26th at 28-03.50 and Lucas Gorham was 31st at 26-03.

Red Rangers get back on track -- win three in a row

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METHUEN - After losing so much firepower from last year's state championship team, this year's Tewksbury/Methuen Co-Op Girls' Hockey team had to find its own identity for this 2019-'20 season.

And certainly over the first six games, that hasn't been easy with the team's incredible schedule. In the latest Boston Herald Eastern Mass Division 1 Poll, the Red Rangers have already faced the No. 16 team in Andover, the No. 20 ranked team in Franklin, and on top of that, the team faced Longmeadow, who is ranked No. 6 in all of Massachusetts by Hockey Night in Boston.

On Monday night that trend continued as the Red Rangers hosted No. 8 ranked Needham, an extremely skillful and talented team, who came into the rink sporting a 4-1-0 record with 20 goals for and just five goals against.

The Red Rangers, fresh off victories over Franklin and a much improved Acton-Boxboro team, scored two third period goals to come away with the hard-earned 2-0 victory over Needham in a terrific fast-paced game played at Methuen High School.

"They are a good team. I think we just had a game plan, we stuck to

that game plan and the girls really prepared and executed," said T/M head coach Sarah Oteri.

The win improves the Red Rangers to a record of 3-1-2 overall as the team started out with ties against Lincoln-Sudbury (1-1) and Andover (3-3), before falling to Longmeadow (2-1).

Since then it's been a nice streak with a 3-2 win over Franklin, a 5-2 win over AB and then the 2-0 win over Needham.

"We're getting better everyday, every game and that's something that you obviously want to see in December and January, but it's better to see that as the season continues," said Oteri.

Senior goalie Kaia Hollingsworth was terrific in net in the team's win over Needham making all 19 saves for the shutout.

"That's the best game I have seen her play this year," said Oteri. "We need her to play well this season because we don't necessarily have those top notch goal scorers so if we get two goals a game, that's pretty good for us (having her in the net) and tonight she did pretty well for us."

"She did a good job of covering up pucks, steering shots off to the side instead of putting the rebounds in front of the net especially if our defensemen are not there to clear it out."

The game was scoreless after each of the first two periods. The Red Rangers held shot advantages of 7-6 and 11-5 and late in the second period, had several real good bids to get on the scoreboard with one in particular as Abby O'Keefe came down the right wing side, had a shot on net and would later go to the left side of the net, get the puck back and fire a shot which was covered up by goalie Kenzie Kelly (22 saves).

Then early in the third period, the Red Rangers were finally able to get one past Kelly. Tori Schille gave a pass ahead to Jessica Driscoll, who came down the right wing boards before cutting to the middle and putting a shot to the right side for what proved to be the game winner coming just 3:11 into the period.

The Red Rangers added a second one with 3:49 left in the game as Driscoll took a shot that was kicked out to Riley Sheehan, who drove home the rebound for her third goal in the past two games.

She scored the team's final two goals in the 5-2 win over AB. Lydia Pendleton, Brenna Green and Driscoll had one each, while, Ryan Quinn had three assists, Greene had two, while single helpers were given to Schille, Alexis Raymond, Driscoll and



Tewksbury High freshman forward Nikole Gosse carries the puck past Acton-Boxboro's Kuybi Issah during Saturday night's home victory.

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Hollingsworth.

"They (Acton-Boxboro) are a very good team. Their goalie is pretty young, but they are very, very good and I think we just wore them down a bit in the third period," said Oteri.

Before that was the exciting 3-2 win over Franklin. Driscoll netted the team's first two goals with Greene getting assists on both and then Madi Sjostedt, also getting one on the first. She

also picked up her second assist on the game winner, which was off the stick of Pendleton.

"That was a good game," said Oteri. "They (Franklin) have a lot of talent and a lot of depth. We just kept battling. It was a back-and-forth game."

The Red Rangers faced the No. 12 ranked Masconomet Chieftains on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime and then will

host the No. 4 ranked HPNA squad, who currently sits in first place in the MVC/DCL Division 1 standings with the Red Rangers behind them. That game will start at 7:00 pm.

Then next Wednesday, the team will travel for the first time this season to take on Chelmsford/Billerica at the Forum, also a 7 pm start.

Wildcats continue torrid start -- beat Stoneham and are now 3-0

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BOSTON -- Last Thursday, the surprising strong start to the Wilmington High School indoor track-and-field team continued with a dominating 71-29 victory over Stoneham held at Boston University.

The win pushes the Wildcats to a 3-0 start. On Tuesday, the team faced Watertown with results not available at presstime. A win there would put the team into a position of a must-win against an extremely talented Melrose team on Friday, January 24th, which would determine the Middlesex League Freedom Division Champion.

The 'Cats last won a title back in 2016.

Wilmington won nine of the events on the day, and head coach Brian Schell said in order to get to the next level, the team has to improve in several areas.

"The biggest thing coming into this meet that we needed to do was build a stronger mental toughness and be a lot more aggressive in their events," said Schell. "Unfortunately very few if any took advantage of this opportunity to do so and could cost us moving forward."

"We have three weeks to get over that hump if we even want to challenge Melrose for the league

came away with 13 of the team's points. She won the 55-meter hurdles at 10.12 seconds, the long jump at 14-09.50 and was second in the 55-meter dash at 7.80 seconds.

Katherine McLaughlin was first in the 1,000 at 3:34.50 and third in the long jump at 14-01.75. She also joined Maggie Bourgeois, Juliana Patrone and Aaliyah Abel to win the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:36.75. Also, senior Gianna Misuraca was second in both the mile (13:59.81) and two-mile (5:58.52).

Another top highlight belonged to Patrone, who was not only part of the relay team, but was tops in the high jump clearing 5-0.

"Juliana has been very consistent in the high jump every meet and has had some good attempts at 5-2. She even ran as an alternate in the relay running a solid 1:10 split and opened the gap by a good margin for our anchor leg."

Other first places came from Amanda Broussard, who was third in the entire league with her 44.00 time in the 300, Amber Flynn in the mile (5:58.20), Olivia Erler in the two-mile (13:57.05) and the 4x200 relay team of Madi Mulas, Ashlyn Buckley, Angie Zaykovskaya and Hannah LaVita with a combined time of 1:55.16.

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of the biggest things we talked about is her lean at the line," said Schell. "She continues to work at it and this meet managed to get a big personal record and break that eight second mark. It also got her a key third place out leaning their girl."

"She has also been a solid lead off leg in the 4x200 relay with great reaction and acceleration and has given us the lead heading into the second leg."

The other second places came from Bourgeois in the 600 (1:49.99), Shea Cushing in the 1,000 (3:34.50), LaVita in the high jump (4-10) and Miriam Nelson in the shot put (28-07).

The third places were from Ashlyn Buckley in the 300 (47.83), Angelina Zaykovskaya in the 600 (1:53.57), Carissa Rubin in the two-mile (14:08.96) and Shannon Murphy in the shot put (27-07.50).

"Stoneham is a team that has always given us a run for their money and this time we brought the fight to them," said Schell. "We knew we had a strong chance to come away with a win and it came down to everyone pulling their weight again. Some races were even very close and were close nail biters like the 55-meter dash, 1,000 meters and mile."

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At Sunday's Freshmen/Sophomore Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center, the medalists for the Wildcats includes from left, Olivia Erler, Angie Zaykovskaya, Madi Mulas, Amanda Broussard and Kaitlyn Doherty. (courtesy photo).

Freshmen/Sophomore Small School Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Doherty, Zaykovskaya and Broussard, who came in at 1:53.31.

Doherty was also third in the long jump at 15-06.25 and fourth in the 55-meter dash at 8.52 seconds qualifying her for the state meet.

"As I said about her versatility against Wakefield, Kaitlyn showed it again today at a higher level meet," said Schell. "She was strong in every event and adjusted for both her dash and long jump heading into the finals. It was good to see her be able to adapt having to run around from event to event and to stay focused which showed great mental toughness."

Broussard also had a strong day with the relay and she was 8th in the 300 at 43.54.

"Amanda had a solid race for herself and managed to get closer to breaking that 43 second mark," said Schell. "She has been working on her form especially her arms these last few meets and she is picking it up. She got out strong and had great position at the cut-in. You could tell she tightened up with 30 meters or so left but it is a great sign moving forward."

Erler was eighth in the two-mile at 13:09.44 and Zaykovskaya was 12th in the 600 at 1:51.71.

The 4x400 relay team of Kari Wells, Quinn Proulx, Nokomis Bramantecohen and Emily McHugh were 17th at 4:53.28. In addition, Wells was 28th in the 600 at 1:55.99 and Proulx was 73rd in the 300 at 52.74.

In the other events, Shea Cushing and Mallory Brown were 25th and 47th in the 1,000 meters at 3:36.70 and 3:50.36 respectively. Talina Khalil was 35th in the mile at 6:26.65, Kayla Flynn was 42nd in the 55-meter hurdles at 11.40, Emma Jensen was 59th in the dash at 8.52, and then in the field events, Emily Fothergill was 25th in the high jump (4-4), Flynn was 41st in the long jump (12-04), and Lily Rubin (21-07) and Isabelle Puccio (19-01.50) were 47th and 50th in the shot put.

"Overall this was a great meet where the younger crew got an extra chance at being aggressive like we need them to be and most all of them took advantage of it," said Schell. "We had solid performances from everyone in pretty much every event. Most everyone had a personal record on the day and those few that didn't, were aggressive and its that aggressiveness that will get them bigger personal records moving forward."



Wilmington's Anja Jensen competes in the high jump during a meet held two weeks ago at Boston University. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

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Three individuals placed in multiple events, including Kaitlyn Doherty who

third in the 55-meter dash at 7.98 seconds.

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Wilmington/North Reading Co-Op Boys and Girls Swimming

Wild Hornets split latest meet against Hamilton-Wenham

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HAMILTON -- The Wilmington/North Reading Co-Op Swim and Dive Team, "The Wild Hornets" had their fourth meet on January 7th against the Hamilton Wenham Generals at Gordon College.

The Girls team was defeated by the Generals, 94-76, putting their record to 3-1.

On the boys side, the two teams battled from start to finish with the Wild Hornets securing their second victory of the season with a convincing 71-55 victory to improve their mark to 2-2.

Head Coach Sue Hunter was excited by the results, as she said, "I'm glad the boy's won tonight, and when I see how hard they work in practice, I'm shocked we don't win every week. Both the boys and girls teams are improving immensely,

and it hurts to know that the season is already half over."

In the boys meet, starting with the 200-medley relay, the team of Griffin May, Junior Captain Jared Benoit, Wilmington freshman Ethan Ryan, and Christopher Mangano came in first with a time of 2:02.31.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Christopher Mangano took second with a time of 2:23.21, and Aryan Patil came in third with a time of 3:24.47.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Ethan Ryan took first at 2:21.41. Then in the 50-yard freestyle, May and Tyler Sheehan took first and fourth, respectively, with times of 27.84 and 30.18.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Ryan was the only boy to swim the event, and finished first with a time of 1:10.60.

In the 100-yard freestyle -- Junior Captain Jared Benoit of Wilmington took

second with a time of 1:03.39, and Sheehan took fourth, with a time of 1:15.04.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Mangano was the only boy to swim the event, and finished in first with a time of 6:20.65.

For the 200-yard freestyle relay, The team of Aryan Patil, Tyler Sheehan, Dylan Tran, and Griffin May took second at 2:16.76.

For the 100-yard backstroke, Dylan Tran took second, with a time of 1:47.06, and Aryan Patil took third, finishing with a time of 1:48.50.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Benoit came in second with a time of 1:16.48.

The 400-yard freestyle relay was an important race for the boys team, as each team had only one relay team racing, and the results of the meet came down to this final race. Mangano, of North Reading, began the race,

followed by senior May, Benoit, and Ryan and they combined for a time of 4:08.53 which sealed the deal for the team victory.

In the girls meet, things started off on the right foot with the 200-yard medley relay as the Wild Hornets took second and third. Maddie Koenig, Melanie Feffer, Nicole Steinmeyer, and Brianna Saunders-Correa finished with a time of 2:06.34, again qualifying them for the end of season North Sectionals meet.

The third place team consisted of Lindsey Kane, Kelly Crossan, Hannah Lord, and Nikki Ekstrom, and they finished with a time of 2:27.25.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Kristina Valenti of North Reading took first as she swam a time of 2:11.39.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Kiera Lord finished in fourth with a time of 3:24.2.

For the 50-yard freestyle, the girls took first, second, and fourth, as Melanie Feffer finished with a 27.59, Brianna Saunders-Correa finished with a 28.78, and Kelly Crossan finished with a 30.19.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Oli Grabar took first with a time of 1:05.91, and Nicole Steinmeyer took third at 1:10.21.

The girls team also came in first, second, and fourth for the 100-yard freestyle, with Valenti swimming a 1:00.52, Feffer finishing at 1:02.41, and Maddie Koenig was clocked at 1:04.06.

In the 500 yard freestyle, Brianna Saunders-Correa took third, with Maddie McCarron taking fourth with respective times of 6:46.87, and 8:09.25.

For the 200-yard freestyle relay, two teams placed, taking second and third. The group of Nicole Steinmeyer, Maddie Koenig, Oli Grabar, and

Kristina Valenti finished with a time of 1:54.91 to take second, and Captain Mary Regan, Lindsey Kane, Joleen Weiss, and Nikki Ekstrom finished at 2:08.84 for third.

For the 100-yard backstroke, Maddie Koenig was second at 1:08.65.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, the girls team took third and fourth, with Oli Grabar swimming a 1:21.93, and Nicole Steinmeyer swimming a 1:23.74.

Finally, in the 400-yard freestyle relay, Melanie Feffer, Brianna Saunders-Correa, Oli Grabar, and Kristina Valenti came in second with a time of 4:15.06.

Both teams were back in action on Wednesday against Masconomet Regional with results not known as of presstime and then also face Manchester-Essex on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 pm.

Shawsheen Tech Sports Round-Up

After 13 straight losses, Rams finally get some revenge on Gr. Lowell

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BILLERICA -- With a roster full of young players new to the varsity level as well as a new coach, the goal of the Shawsheen Tech Basketball team this season is to improve as the season goes on. The Rams will likely indeed do just that, but it's also worth noting that while improvement is on the horizon, the present is pretty good as well, as the Rams are off to a 4-2 start to the season, including picking up one of the biggest wins in recent program history this past week.

That win came last Friday night when the Rams pulled out a thrilling 62-59 win over arch rival Greater Lowell at the Cook Street Pavilion. Not only was the win big in that it put the Rams over .500 for the first time on the season, making them 3-2 at the time, it was also the Rams first win over the Gryphons since 2012, dating back 13 meetings overall.

"It meant a lot to the kids to get a win over them," Shawsheen coach Joe Gore said. "It has been one of those things that has just been out there and it was really a goal for us to beat them this season. Even after all of last year's success, we still hadn't beaten them, and we knew that if we wanted any chance at the league title, we would have to beat them."

It was a battle throughout for the Rams to come away with the victory, as they led 31-28 at the half and trailed 44-43 at the end of three quarters.

"I don't think either team led by more than seven points the entire game," Gore said. "Fortunately, we were able to prevail at the end."

And it was a nail biter right to the finish. The Rams led by five points with 1:30 left in the game when Greater Lowell came up with a steal and a three pointer to close the game to two points. The Rams still led by two points at 61-59 with about 30 seconds left when the Gryphons coach was hit with a technical foul, putting the Rams at the line for two free throws, of which they made one, to make it 62-59. The Rams maintained possession, but missed a pair of free throws, giving the Gryphons on last chance, but their three point attempt fell short and the Rams held on for the win.

The Rams were led by outstanding performances from Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury, who had 11 points and 12 assists, along with Santino Garafalo of Tewksbury, who had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

"Jeremy has been outstanding for us," Gore said of Perez. "He has taken total control of our offense and has put himself in a position where he is very difficult to take out of the game. He makes every player around him better when he is out there and that is what is special about him."

Gore was equally impressed with Garafalo's play, and he is looking for more of the same the rest of the way from the big forward.

"That was Santino's best game of the season so far," Gore said. "The effort and consistency he played with is what we are hoping to see from him all year long. He is really starting to do what we have been coaching him to do. He has looked a lot better with his footwork and he is making smart decisions around the basket."

James Genetti led all scorers for the Rams, pouring in 15 points to go along with ten rebounds.

"James has really been our MVP so far because of his versatility," Gore



Shawsheen's Santino Garafalo of Tewksbury drives to the hoop during Friday night's thrilling home win against Gr. Lowell. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

said. "He is 6'2 or 6'3 and we usually put him on the other team's best guard. He can cover anyone from a point guard through a center. He is also one of the fastest kids on the court and he uses that to his advantage on defense."

The Rams continued their winning ways on Tuesday night with an impressive 56-47 road win over CAC rival Essex Tech to improve to 4-2 on the season (3-1 CAC). Senior Jalen Massengill led the way with 15 points and fellow junior Jake Tyler contributed with 14 points.

The Rams will be back in action in Friday night when they host CAC rival Whittier Tech for a 7:00 pm tipoff.

BOYS HOCKEY

There has been a familiar theme to the early part of the season for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team. The Rams have looked unbeatable in their Commonwealth Athletic Conference game thus far, posting a 4-0 league record, while outscoring their opponents by a margin of 29-7. On the other hand, they have struggled in non-league games to this point, posting an 0-3 record while being outscored 13-4 in those games.

It has all added up to a 4-3 overall record, leaving Shawsheen coach Baker hoping for a more consistent effort out of his team.

"I am happy with some of the play, but disappointed in other aspects. I feel if we can grab a big win vs a tough non-league opponent, we could be off and running," Baker said. "Since our first game of the season, we have been battling for about 75 percent of a game. We need to be better. I schedule a very challenging non-league schedule and we need to step up for the challenge. We are definitely getting there."

In their most recent CAC game, the Rams showed just how dominant they can be, rolling to a 10-2 victory over Minuteman last Thursday night at the Hallenborg Arena. The Rams were led by senior forward JJ Thibert of Wilmington, who had

three goals and two assists, while senior forward Nate Silva of Tewksbury added two goals and two assists for Shawsheen.

Baker was obviously happy with the final score, but he still felt like his team could have put together more of a complete game effort.

"We were not a very good team through the first period which is something we talk about constantly," Baker said. "We need to come out of the gates flying no matter who we are playing. We struggled to snap out of it, but we did and did a good job through the final two periods."

There were several other stars on the night for the Rams, including freshman Brady Darcey who had a hat trick, while junior Sean Murphy of Tewksbury dished out four assists. Kyle Brouillette and Jack Shreenan of Tewksbury each scored their first varsity goal, while junior forward Anthony Papa had three assists.

Although just a freshman, Darcey has proven he belongs at the varsity level.

"Brady has to work hard for everything he gets. He is a freshman, but a tough one. It was awesome seeing him get the hatty last Thursday," Baker said. "Hopefully that made him more comfortable stepping into varsity play. Brady is not afraid to take the body and play hard-nosed in the offensive end. I am happy with his progression so far."

One of the keys to the Rams success in league game so far this season has been the play of the Rams top line of Thibert, Silva and sophomore Dylan Timmons of Wilmington, all of whom have been lighting the lamp with multiple goals assists in the CAC contests.

"As far as the two seniors (Silva and Thibert), I expect that for sure. It's their last season," Baker said, "I hope that it continues. As far as Timmons, he is only going to get better as he is already playing a leader type role like a senior."

One of the best aspects

of the blowout wins in league games for the Rams has been that there has been plenty of opportunity for playing time, and several Rams are taking full advantage of that opportunity by scoring their first varsity goals. In addition to Shreenan and Brouillette against Minuteman, several other players, including sophomore Aydan Churchill of Wilmington, junior Conor Preble of Tewksbury and sophomore Tom Sampson all scored their first varsity goals in earlier CAC games.

"It is one of the better young groups we have had in recent years," Baker said. "I just want to get them to buy into out working the opponent for success."

With two more league games this week, at the Hallenborg against Nashoba Tech on Thursday night at 7:10 and on the road against Rockport at 6:00 pm on Saturday, the Rams will be looking to keep their roll going. As good as they have been in league games so far, Baker is taking nothing for granted.

"We need to take it one game at a time and play at the same speed with the same efforts as they have shown against Lynn, Billerica and Sandwich," Baker said. "If they do so, league wins will definitely come."

WRESTLING

Facing tough competition has never been a problem for the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling, and this past weekend was the perfect example of that, as the Rams traveled to Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham to compete in the Minnechaug High School Duals against a talented field of teams. Overall it was a very good day for the Rams, who went 3-1 in their meets to improve to 12-1 overall on the season.

Shawsheen defeated Taconic Regional by a score of 46-25, Mansfield by a score of 55-18 and Trumbull, Connecticut 46-28, while their lone loss off the day came against Essex, Vermont by a

score of 43-32.

There were three pools of teams at the meet Pool A, Pool B, and Pool C, with Shawsheen competing in Pool B with Taconic Regional High and Essex Vermont. The winner of each group advances to the semifinals, while a team who loses drops to the consolation bracket as Shawsheen did after defeating Taconic in their first meet and losing to Essex in their second meet.

Once in the consolation round, the Rams beat Mansfield High, and beat Trumbull to cap their 3-1 day.

"I was happy with the way we fought back after losing our first meet of the season," Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan said.

Several Rams had outstanding performances, starting with Austin Dube (120 pounds), Frank Foti (126 pounds) and Diondre Turner (145 pounds) of Wilmington, each of whom went 4-0 on the day.

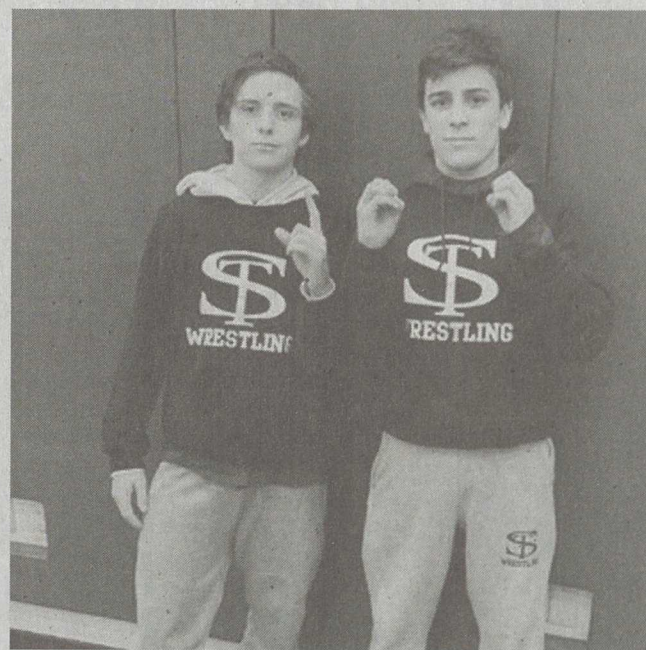
Andre Comeau went 3-0 at 195 pounds, as did Lucien Tremblay at 106, Walter Humphrey at 113, Justin Merrifield at 138 and Lucas Moreira of Tewksbury at 220.

Among Dube's four wins on the day was his 100th career victory. Dube joined fellow junior Frank Foti at the century mark, as Foti had gotten his 100th win against Westford High two weeks ago.

"I think both kids earned it especially as juniors," Donovan said. "I am very happy for both of them as it is not easy in a Division One program to get 100 wins."

As proud as Donovan is of Dube and Foti getting their 100th win, he is equally proud of the performance of his entire team this season.

"I am very proud of Shawsheen wrestling being 12-1 against very tough competition in the month of December, but it is only going to get tougher," Donovan said. "I told the wrestlers that it is time to embrace the grind and build off the loss and build off the wins and take a positive note out of a negative situation. We need to learn



Shawsheen Tech wrestler Austin Dube, left, won his 100th career match this past and celebrates the milestone with teammate Frank Foti. (courtesy photo).

from it and realize that everyone is looking to beat Shawsheen and that is a good reputation that has been built."

CO-ED SWIMMING

The Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Swimming team continued their strong start to the season last Friday afternoon, coming away with a 91-73 win over CAC rival Minuteman at the Shawsheen Pool.

The win was the fourth in a row for the Rams and improved them to 4-1 on the season.

"We are off to an amazing start this season," Shawsheen coach Rick Menard said. "We learned a lot in our pre-season scrimmage with the Wild Hornets of North Reading and Wilmington and put those lessons learned into some hard work. We have since gone undefeated in the league and took advantage of our

depth to knock of an experienced Middlesex team in Melrose as well."

The Rams had several outstanding performances on the day, but perhaps none better than in the relays, where the Rams grabbed pair of first place finishes in the mixed 400-yard freestyle relay as well as the mixed 200-yard freestyle relay. The Rams also took second in the 400.

The 400 relay team of Zach Morris of Wilmington, Damien Hadden of Tewksbury, Derek Costello of Wilmington and Aidan Singh took first place honors in a time of 4:01.46 while Costello, Morris and Hadden, along with Dan Archibald took the 200 relay in a time of 1:48.08.

The quartet of Evan Pinto of Wilmington, Connor Maguire, Tyler Newhouse of Wilmington and Tyler Kopacz of Tewksbury took second place in the 400-yard relay in a time of 4:43.28.

In addition to his relay exploits, Hadden was also outstanding as an individual, winning the mixed 100-yard freestyle in a time of 55.82, while also taking the mixed 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:21.06.

Costello, Kopacz and Singh also had big days outside of the relay, with Costello taking third in the mixed 100-yard breaststroke, Kopacz taking second in the mixed 200-yard freestyle and Singh taking second in 100-yard breaststroke, while also earning a second place finish in the mixed 100-yard freestyle.

Other top performers for the Rams included Andrew Farrell of Tewksbury, who was first overall in the mixed 100-yard backstroke and third in the mixed 50-yard freestyle, Vincent Lopez who was first in the mixed 200-yard Individual Medley, Ryan Johnson of Wilmington who was third in the mixed 100-yard butterfly and Jacqui Megna, who was third in the mixed 200-yard freestyle.

"Our boys have really come along and we look like we may have a shot at breaking the 400 free relay record and possibly having a sophomore in

A big fourth quarter leads Lancers to win over Rams

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BILLERICA - Through the first three quarters, there were nine lead changes between Shawsheen and Malden Catholic, and in that third quarter, the Rams shooters started to get hot, draining a couple of three-pointers and trailed by two points going to the fourth.

But in the final eight minutes, the Lancers, a first-year varsity program playing an independent schedule, forced a number of Rams' turnovers and those resulted in a handful of transition baskets and Malden Catholic outscored the Rams 17-5 to come away with a 54-40 victory played Thursday night at the Shawsheen Gymnasium.

The win - coupled with two more victories afterwards against Cristo Rey (65-7) and Gloucester (56-27) -- improved the Lancers to 5-2 on the season, while, Shawsheen fell for the first time this season. The Rams were then defeated by Lowell Catholic 46-37 three days

later to put their record at 2-2 on the young season.

Shawsheen head coach Kate Marshall said after that game that her team was a little bit rusty with 14 days off between their last game, and also said that foul trouble didn't help, but no excuses, her team was simply outplayed.

"Before (the break) we were in a rhythm, and we have a young team so we were put to the test today," she said. "(Malden Catholic) played us man-to-man and I think that can intimidate younger players. Overall, (tonight) I thought we were outthusted and they played with more heart than we did. You saw that with the rebounding, they got double the putbacks than we did and in general, it was just a lack of heart on our part and it won't happen again.

"We practiced and had just two days off during the break, but this is going to definitely be a piece of humble pie for us after starting out 2-0 and now losing at home. I think it'll be good for us to do some soul searching."

Malden Catholic took a quick 8-2 lead before the Rams closed out the first quarter on a 6-0 run behind a three-pointer from Karissa Ragato, a jumper from Lindsey McCarthy and a free throw from Brooke Bicknell.

The teams went back-and-forth in the first few minutes of the second quarter, tied up at 15 before the Lancers pushed the lead to six on two inside baskets from Lily Mineo and two freebies by Marielle Riccioli, and the lead was five at the break.

That changed in the third quarter as Susanna Gillis buried two treys, while teammates Steph Mercurio, of Tewksbury, and Shelby Bourdeau added baskets suddenly making it a game with the Rams ahead by a point. Malden Catholic responded as Kylie Bragg hit both free throws and Wilmington resident Andre Turner drained a three-pointer giving the Lancers a four-point lead.

The teams continued to stay neck-and-neck with MC leading by two after three, before breaking it

open in the fourth starting out on a 7-0 run behind a steal and lay-up by Turner and bucket by Bragg in the lane and three free throws and then two minutes later Kayla Jackson hit two straight baskets to push the lead to nine with 2:43 remaining.

"We were patient and we pressed in spots," said MC coach Jay Keane, who previously coached eight years at Wilmington. "Overall, our ball movement was much better. We're still real young so sometimes they panic a little bit.

Shawsheen is a good program. They are always in the mix. To come here and win is great for us."

Turner led the way as she had 18 points, 9 rebounds and 6 assists, while, Bragg had 14 points and 5 rebounds, Mineo had 12 points and 6 rebounds and Jackson had 9 points, as the four combined for all but one basket.

For Shawsheen, Gillis led the way with 11 points, all in the second half, while, Mercurio had ten points and five rebounds.



Shawsheen's Sarah Comeau dribbles the ball in the paint while being defender by Malden Catholic's Kylie Bragg during last Thursday's home game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Wilmington resident Andrea Turner

Point Guard enjoys birthday and big-time performance

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BILLERICA - With less than a minute to go in the third quarter, sophomore Andre Turner drove through the lane and put a beautiful spin move on a Shawsheen Tech defender and converted a basket that had fans in awe. The basket gave Malden Catholic a two-point lead and from there the Lancers never looked back and defeated the Rams 54-40, in a non-league girls basketball game played last Thursday night at Shawsheen's Gymnasium.

The move was incredible, especially with the defender right on her, but that was just a small

piece of Turner's tremendous performance. The point guard from Wilmington proved that she was the best player on the floor, and certainly among the best underclassmen in the state with her brilliant 18-point, 9-rebound, 6-assist performance, which all came on her birthday.

"We try to (generate offense by) transition but (Shawsheen) was getting back so we were taking our time with our offense," said MC Coach Jay Keane. "In transition, Andre is just incredible. She made that one move, and that's very hard to do. I can't teach her to do something like that."

Turner scored the game's first four points,

one on a drive and the second from inside the paint. She added her third basket on a nice up and under move with 3:25 left in the second quarter and sat the final 2:43 after picking up her second foul.

In the third quarter, Shawsheen started to hit some baskets and every-time Turner responded. First it was on a drive, then a three-pointer and then that awesome spin move at the end of the quarter.

"It was a birthday special," said Turner with a big laugh. "It was just a reaction because she was coming for me."

Turner kept dominating the game early in the fourth with a steal and

lay-up, pushing the lead to five, before she later drained a jumper to extend the lead to 13 with 1:26 to go.

"This is the best game that Andre had has," said Keane. "She takes a beating every game and always put to the floor. She's a great kid and she could have gone anywhere but she chose Malden Catholic because of the academics and she is doing great in school.

"Basketball wise, she missed a lot of last year's season with an injury and she came back and really didn't play well. Now she is healthy, and we had a few bumps and bruises in the first few games, but this is the best she has played athletically all season."

Turner comes from a very athletic family. Her mother ran track and her father was a football player, while her two brothers Diondre and Andre (pronounced differently than his sister) are current football players.

Diondre, a junior, rushed

for 877 yards and scored 13 touchdowns playing at Shawsheen this past fall, and is currently on the Tech wrestling team. Andre is a freshman at WHS and in limited time, he scored three touchdowns for the Wildcats, while combining for over 200 yards from scrimmage.

"They are both football players," she said. "We played a lot (of different sports) growing up and we have always tried to be better or faster than the other one."

Andre the basketball player certainly possesses the great speed that her two brothers have. She's extremely athletic and certainly has a tremendous future ahead of her in the game, despite playing for a program that's in its first year as a varsity program.

"We are a new program and we have been making some changes. We work together and we work hard and we're coming together," she said.

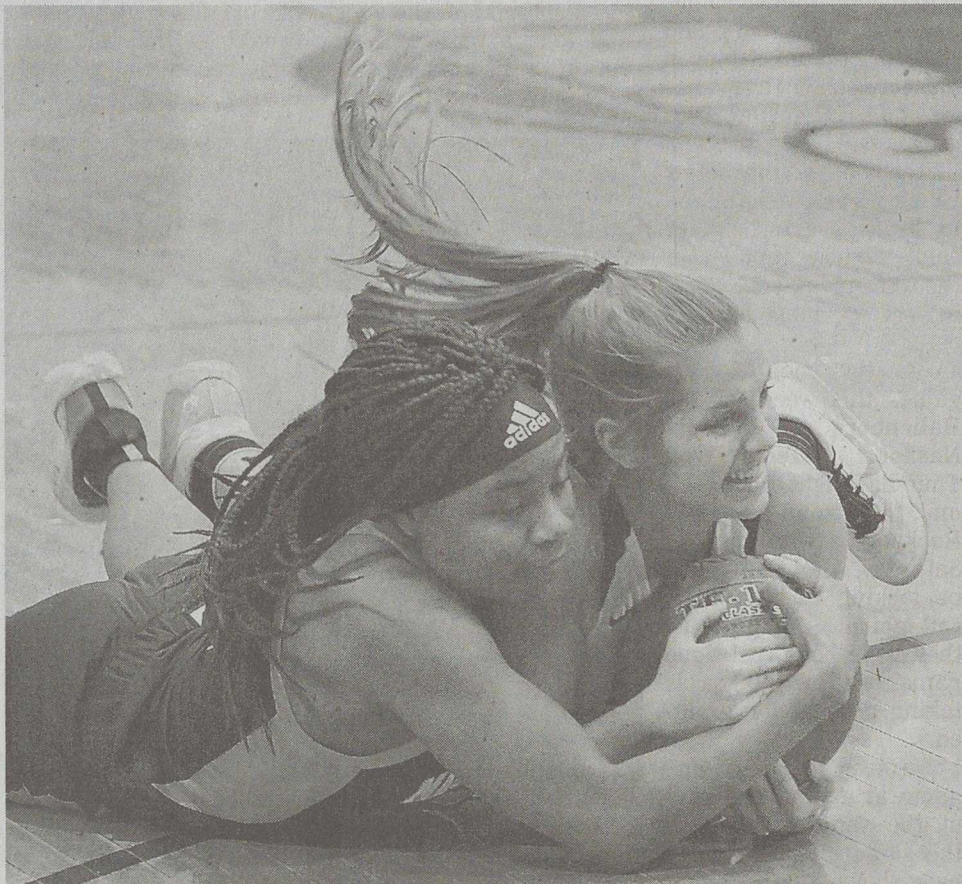
If any coach is going to

get her to the next level, it's Keane, the former WHS Coach, who did the same with the likes of Ashley Vitale, Amy Fahey and Michelle Woods.

"He's great actually, really great. He's patient, very patient. He's trustworthy," said Turner of Keane.

Thursday's win gave the Lancers a 3-2 victory and the team followed that up with two more wins against Cristo Rey and Gloucester. The team is halfway to qualifying for the Division 4 North Sectional tournament which would be an incredible feat, since the team is comprised of all freshmen and sophomores. Turner is glad that she chose to come to MC and hopefully be a part of program history.

"I wanted to help build the program and thought we could do great things," she said. "I think we can qualify. We just need to compete, work together and just go out there and play, and have fun."



Malden Catholic's Andrea Turner, left, and Shawsheen's Shelby Bourdeau fight for possession of the ball during last Thursday's non-league game played at Shawsheen Tech. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Keane having success back as a coach

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BILLERICA - Back in May of 2013, then, Wilmington High School girls' basketball coach Jay Keane resigned after eight tremendous seasons, saying that his promotion to captain of the Somerville Fire Department would take away his commitment to the team.

During his eight years - which came after two-plus decades involved in the WHS Boys program between a volunteer coach and two different stints as the freshmen coach - Keane became what's believed to be the all-time

winningest coach in program history. He finished with a record of 120-60, which included eight state tournament appearances, a 12-8 post-season record, one league title, one trip to the sectional final and three trips to the sectional final.

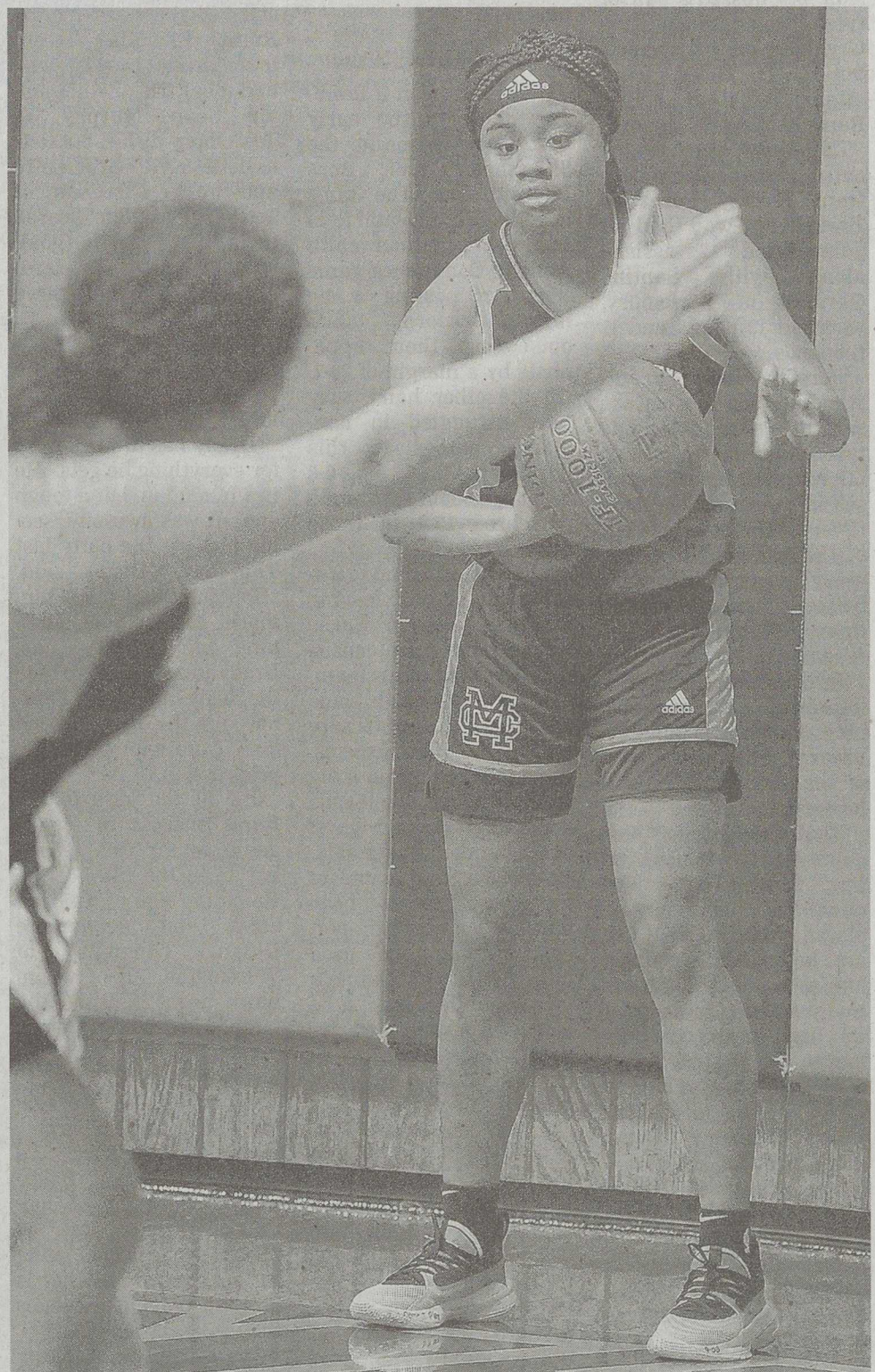
Some of the highlights included a 17-win season in 2005-'06 and then a 20-win season (a program record) the following season, which included knocking off the No. 1 seed Winthrop Vikings before losing to perennial state contender Pentucket Sachems by three points in the sectional final at the Tsongas Arena.

During his time, he coached a handful of the

all-time greatest players to wear a Wildcat uniform whether it was Hall of Famer Ashley Vitale, Amy Fahey, Emily Crannell, Michelle Woods, twins Carli and Christi Brent as well as his daughter Amanda. Vitale, Fahey and Woods went on to have incredible collegiate careers.

During that time that he was away from the bench, Keane was itching to get back in the game and he quickly found a new home in Malden Catholic. Before the 2018 school season, the school announced it was going co-ed and would be accepting female students, and it didn't take

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Bantam 1's make Massachusetts proud with win over Maine Hockey Academy

It was a wild week of hockey for the Wilmington Youth Hockey Bantam 1 team! It all started when the Wildcats took down the Maine Hockey Academy Bantam AA team 6-3 at the Haverhill Valley Forum. Brett Ebert netted four nice goals with assist on two of them going to Alex Burns and Ryan Quamme.

Noah Dinan was stellar in net for the Cats while, called up Pee-Wee 1 player, Zach Mackeil shined with the Bantams scoring two goals of his own with assist going to Ryan Murphy and William LaMonica.

Next stop for Wilmington was Friday night at the Burlington Ice Palace where they battled Cape Ann in a highly anticipated rematch. Cape Ann dominated the Wildcats back in November beating them 4-1.

Wilmington would get their revenge this game beating Cape Ann 5-2. Bruce GreenAudette started off the scoring after catching a pass from Brian Banks and blasting a shot past their goalie to give Wilmington a 1-0 lead just four minutes in.

Shortly after that, Jason Sousa collected a break-out pass from Banks in the defensive zone and took it down town finishing with a nice goal top corner to make it 2-0 at the end of the first.

The Wildcats struck again early in the second period. Center, Ryan Papineau won the draw back to Bobby Cyr in the defensive zone. Cyr carried the puck up ice through several defenders and ripped a shot five-

hole to put the Cats on top 3-0.

Cape Ann fought back only to be stopped by some outstanding goaltending from Jake McLean and the solid defensive work of Mike Maselli, Adam Ebert, Bobby Dodge and Quamme. Strong, physical play from Brett Gallucci, Burns, and Brett Ebert helped keep Cape Ann off of the scoreboard heading into the final period.

Just under a minute into the third, GreenAudette scored his second goal of the game, after receiving another nice pass from Banks, he snapped a quick wrist by Cape Ann's goalie down low to make it 4-0.

Wilmington. Unfortunately Cape Ann was able to score soon after that at 9:56 and then again at 4:18 to cut the Wildcat's lead in half, 4-2. Dodge added an insurance goal 40 seconds later with helpers going to Papineau and GreenAudette to cap off the 5-2 victory.

The weekend was far from over for the hungry Wildcats as they headed back to the Haverhill Valley Forum to play the Triton Vikings on Saturday night. The Vikings brought everything that they could after losing to Wilmington twice earlier this season. It was a great match up with early scoring opportunities at both ends of the ice. Dinan minded the net for the Wildcats and played superbly in the scoreless first period.

Both teams fought hard in an exciting second period that would appear to end up scoreless as well, however Triton was able

to slip one past Wilmington with under a minute and a half to go giving them a 1-0 lead at the end of two.

The Wildcats answered halfway through the final period while on the attack, Murphy's shot on net down low was saved but he collected his own rebound and flipped the puck into the net over the Viking's goalie to tie the game 1-1. This, edge of your seat, game was heating up as each team battled for the win.

As time winded down Triton scored with a little over a minute and a half to play putting them up 2-1. The Vikings had a chance to put the game away on a breakaway that was broken up by a truly hustling back check from Gallucci.

Now with under a half minute to play in the game, Wilmington pulled their goalie in an attempt to tie the game. Triton did all that they could to keep the puck away from the Wildcats trying to pin the puck down low in their corner.

In the huge scrum, Brett Ebert poked the puck free to Maselli who took it out of the corner and ripped a "no angle" shot over the goalie's shoulder to tie the game with .09 seconds remaining in a dramatic finish to a great 2-2 tie final!

Sunday morning the Wildcats traveled to Dover NH to scrimmage the Granite State Wild U14 Select Bantam team. The shorthanded, sleepy Wilmington team got their hats handed to them 7-1.

Sousa had the 'Cats sole tally. Later that day the Granite State Wild trav-

eled to Wilmington for a rematch scrimmage at the Ristuccia. The end result would be much different as the well staffed Wildcats would not be pushed around on their home ice.

Although G.S.W. scored first early in the game, Wilmington pushed back hard and almost capitalized before the end of the period. Dinan played strong between the pipes for the Cats with help from defenseman Nick D'Amico and, called up Bantam 2 player, Clyde Lambert. The exciting rematch saw a complete effort from the home team as the first period ended with Wilmington down 1-0.

In the second period GSW scored again just

three minutes in to give them a 2-0 lead. The Wildcats put their nose to the grindstone and stepped up the physicality of play and were rewarded with a goal from Sousa after he broke up a play in the neutral zone and busted in alone. He went top corner, glove side similar to his goal earlier that day. The middle frame ended with the 'Cats down 2-1.

Early in the third period GSW scored a garbage goal to put them back on top 3-1. The Wildcats fought back intensely with some good offensive pressure. Ashley Mercier contributed plenty on the attack as did Cody Mercuri keeping the GSW from any further damage. With just eight minutes

remaining in the game, Cyr scored an unassisted goal to close the gap to 3-2. Dinan made some big saves with help from Maselli, D'Amico and LaMonica late in the game.

The Wildcats gave it their all with time running out and attacked deep in the offensive zone. Dodge pinched in from the defense and hammered the puck in the net to tie the game with just two minutes to play. The resilient Wildcat team came back from a two goal deficit to end the game at a 2-2 tie.

A special "Thank You" goes out to Coach Ray and WYH President, Scott Audette for officiating both scrimmage games on Sunday. Thanks guys!

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Wilmington High Sports				
Friday	January 10	B/G Track	at NE Invitational	TBA
Friday	January 10	V Boys/Girls Hoop	vs Watertown	5:15/7pm
Saturday	January 11	V Wrestling	Home Quad Meet	9:00 am
Saturday	January 11	V Boys Hockey	vs Stoneham	12:00 pm
Sunday	January 12	B/G Track	at NE Invitational	TBA
Sunday	January 12	V Swimming	at Man-Essex	3:30 pm
Tuesday	January 14	V Girls Hoop	vs Winchester	5:30 pm
Tuesday	January 14	V Boys Hoop	at Winchester	6:00 pm
Wednesday	January 15	V Wrestling	at Watertown	7:00 pm
Wednesday	January 15	V Girls Hockey	vs Watertown	8:00 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	January 9	V Boys Hockey	vs Nashoba Tech	7:10 pm
Friday	January 10	V Swimming	at Gr. Lawrence	3:30 pm
Friday	January 10	V Girls Hoop	at Northeast	5:30 pm
Friday	January 10	V Boys Hoop	vs Whittier Tech	7:00 pm
Saturday	January 11	V Wrestling	at Lawrence Quad	9:00 am
Saturday	January 11	V Girls Hockey	vs Arlington Catholic	11:00 am
Saturday	January 11	V Boys Hockey	at Rockport	6:00 pm
Monday	January 13	V Swimming	vs Winchester	3:30 pm
Tuesday	January 14	V Boys Hoop	at Northeast	5:30 pm
Tuesday	January 14	V Girls Hoop	at Gr. Lowell	5:30 pm
Wednesday	January 15	V Girls Hockey	at Burlington	5:00 pm
Wednesday	January 15	V Wrestling	vs Whittier Tech	7:00 pm

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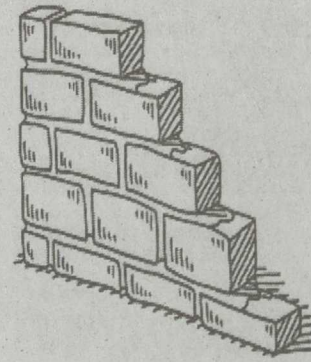
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Freshman Garrity already in the record books at Bryant University

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Bryant University freshman Emma Garrity had a sensational collegiate indoor track debut for the Bulldogs back on December 7, when she finished first overall in the 500 meters at the Brown University Alden Invitational with a time of 1:18.92. The first-place



CAROLINE ANDERSEN

December 14.

Andersen is currently averaging 3.5 points and 1.7 rebounds per game for the Fords, who are 8-2 on the season.

FALL LEFTOVERS

Bentley University sophomore midfielder Dana Goulet was recently selected to the Division 2 All New England Team by the NEWISA. Goulet, who was also a second team All-NE10 pick, started all 20 games and led the Falcons in both goals (5) and points (11). She also ranked second on the team in minutes played among outfield players.

Among her five goals were two scored in Bentley's 2-1 win over Saint Michael's on Nov. 2, including the overtime goal, and goals against New Haven, Adelphi and Saint Rose in the NE10 Semifinals.

Bridgewater State senior goalie Kellie Souza was recently selected to the 2019 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Women's Soccer All-Conference Second Team by the league's head coaches.

Souza set Bridgewater State single-season goal-tending records for games played (21), game started (21) and minutes played (1917:31). She finished with 12 wins and seven shutouts in 2019 to go

along with 114 saves, a .755 save percentage and a 1.74 Goals Against Average (GAA).

Souza led the MASCAC in games, minutes, wins and shutouts, and ranked fourth in GAA. She is also currently tied for second in all of Division III in minutes played.

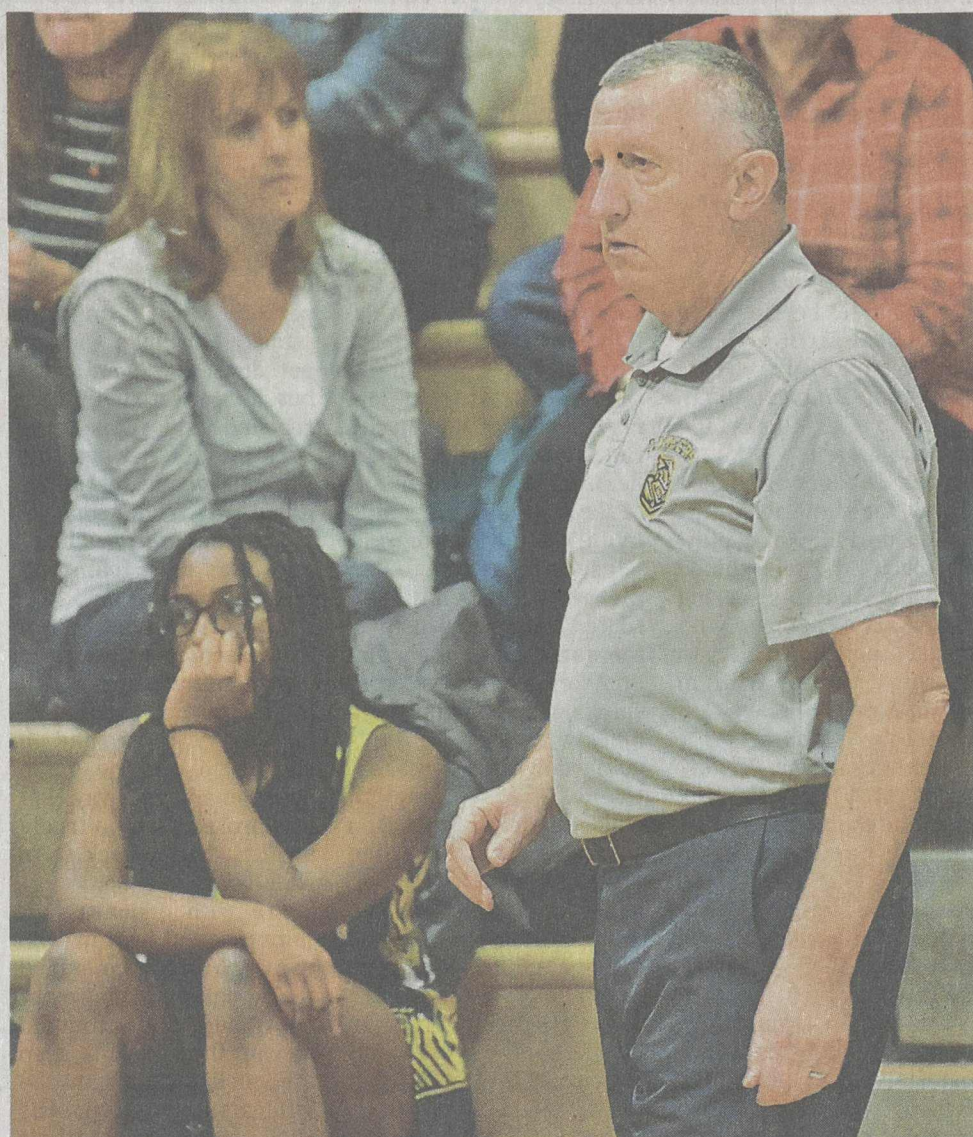
Souza wrapped up her four seasons at BSU with 21 wins and ten shutouts (nine solo) in 40 career games. She also finished with 198 saves, a 1.58 GAA and a .759 save percentage.

Worcester State senior captain and defender Christina Spinos was also selected to the MASCAC Women's Soccer All-Conference Second Team. Spinos was a key ball-moving defender for the MASCAC Champions who provided leadership both on and off the field. Spinos started all 20 games for Worcester State this season, and tallied one assist on the year.

Amherst College senior wide receiver James O'Regan was voted to the 2019 New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) All-Conference by the league's coaches recently.

O'Regan makes his third consecutive All-Conference team, earning a First Team nod after two consecutive appearances on the Second Team.

The wideout led the Mammoths with 49 receptions, 797 yards and eight touchdowns. His 5.4 receptions per game and 88.6 yards per game were both second in the NESCAC, while his eight touchdowns were third best in the conference. O'Regan had 95 or more receiving yards in five games this season, and caught touchdowns in seven different contests, including two scores in the season opener, a 27-13 win over Bates.



Former WHS Girls Basketball coach Jay Keane has returned to the bench as the coach of the newly start-up Malden Catholic Girls program. In its second year as a program, first as varsity, Keane has the team of freshmen and sophomores off to a 5-2 start, which includes a victory at Shawsheen Tech last Thursday.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Keane having success back as a coach

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long after that before Keane was named the program's first ever coach.

Last year the Lancers were a JV program before making the jump to varsity this season. With a team of all sophomores and freshmen, the Lancers are out to a 5-2 start playing as an Independent team, which included a 54-40 victory over Shawsheen Tech last Thursday night, which was followed by wins over Cristo Rey and Gloucester.

"I wanted to get back into coaching and here I get to start my own program and mold it into how I want it," he said after

the win over the Rams. "They hired me a year before the school opened (up for females) and last year we played a subvarsity schedule and this year we made the jump (to varsity)."

The program's first ever varsity game was a 42-29 loss to Ipswich, before beating St. Joe's Prep, 35-34. The Lancers then played in the Winchester Christmas Tournament, beating the host team 51-48 before falling to Boston Latin, 50-39 in the finals.

"We're now (5-2) which is great, and these girls are getting better every single day, they really are. We

have a lot of really super smart kids, all honor roll students," said Keane.

Malden Catholic is a Division 4 team, so should the Lancers get five more wins, the team will qualify for the post-season.

The Lancers have 15 games left including two each with Ursuline Academy, KIPP Academy, East Boston and Austin Prep and one each with Somerville, Medford, St. Joe's Prep and rematches with Gloucester, Cristo Rey, Ipswich and then Shawsheen on February 3rd.



EMMA GARRITY

performance ranks Garrity third in Bryant's Top-10 record book.

Regis College junior Sofia Puccio earned a 28th place finish in the shot put at the Emmanuel College Indoor Opener on December 7, with a top throw of 26-0.75, while also earning a 30th place finish in the weight throw with a distance of 18-0.25.

Stonehill College freshman Tyler Thomas had an impressive indoor collegiate debut, earning an 11th place finish in the shot put at the Boston University Sharon Colyear-Danville Season Opener on December 7, with a top throw of 34-9.

BASKETBALL

Haverford College sophomore forward/center Caroline Andersen helped send the Fords off to their winter break on a happy note, scoring nine points, while also adding two blocks and two rebounds in a 61-38 win over Muhlenberg back on



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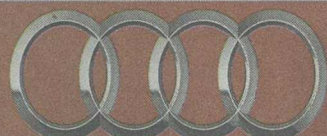
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